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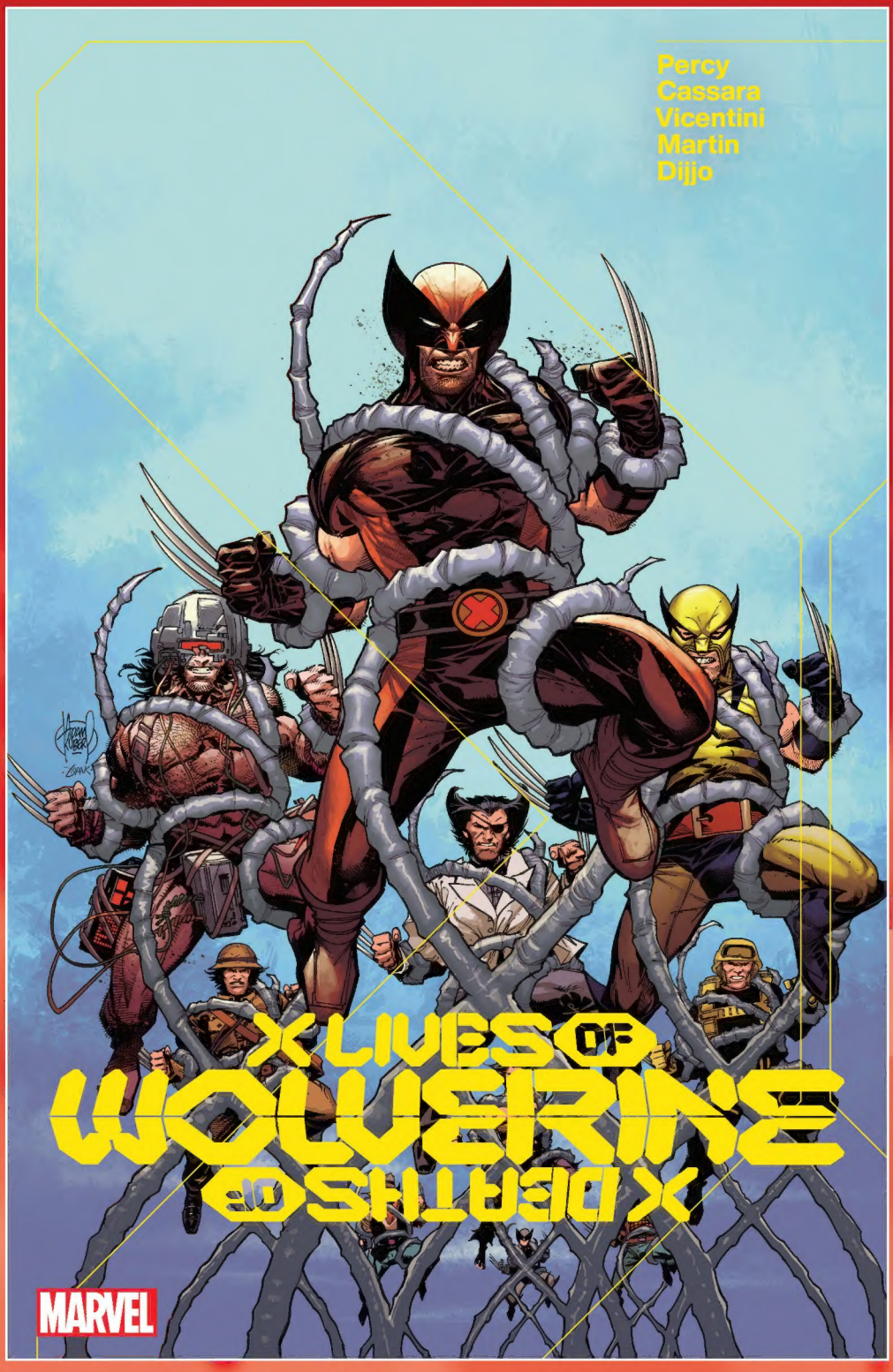

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LAST WARNING, X-MEN! TROUBLE THE PLANTMAN NO MORE...
...OR I'LL MAKE THE MICROSCOPIC FLORA IN YOUR DIGESTIVE TRACT BURST YOU LIKE BALLOONS!
THESE VINES ARE AN INVASIVE SPECIES!
ALL THE MORE REASON TO CUT THEM DOWN, BEAST!
I AM NEVER EATING SALAD AGAIN.
YOU DON'T EAT SALAD NOW, ICEMAN.
ANGEL! MARVEL GIRL'S PROTECTING YOUR NINE! MANEUVER DELTA SIX--

HUH?
FWASSHH
PLANTMAN! WHERE'D THEY GO?
NO IDEA. BUT IT'S JUST LIKE YOU TO SHOW UP AFTER THE FIGHT, EEL.
I GOT THE VAN. YOU WANT A RIDE OR NOT?
COULD YOU REALLY HAVE DONE THAT WITH THE TINY PLANTS IN THEIR GUTS?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT. OUR BODIES CONTAIN FUNGI, NOT PLANTS.
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT THAT'S EVEN GROSSER...
ELSEWHERE/ ELSEWHEN.
WHAT THE...?
LOOK SHARP! WHEREVER PLANTMAN SENT US--
UM, CYCLOPS...
...I THINK WE'RE WAY PAST THE PLANTMAN.
WELCOME, X-MEN.
PLEASE FORGIVE THE ABRUPTNESS OF MY SUMMONS.

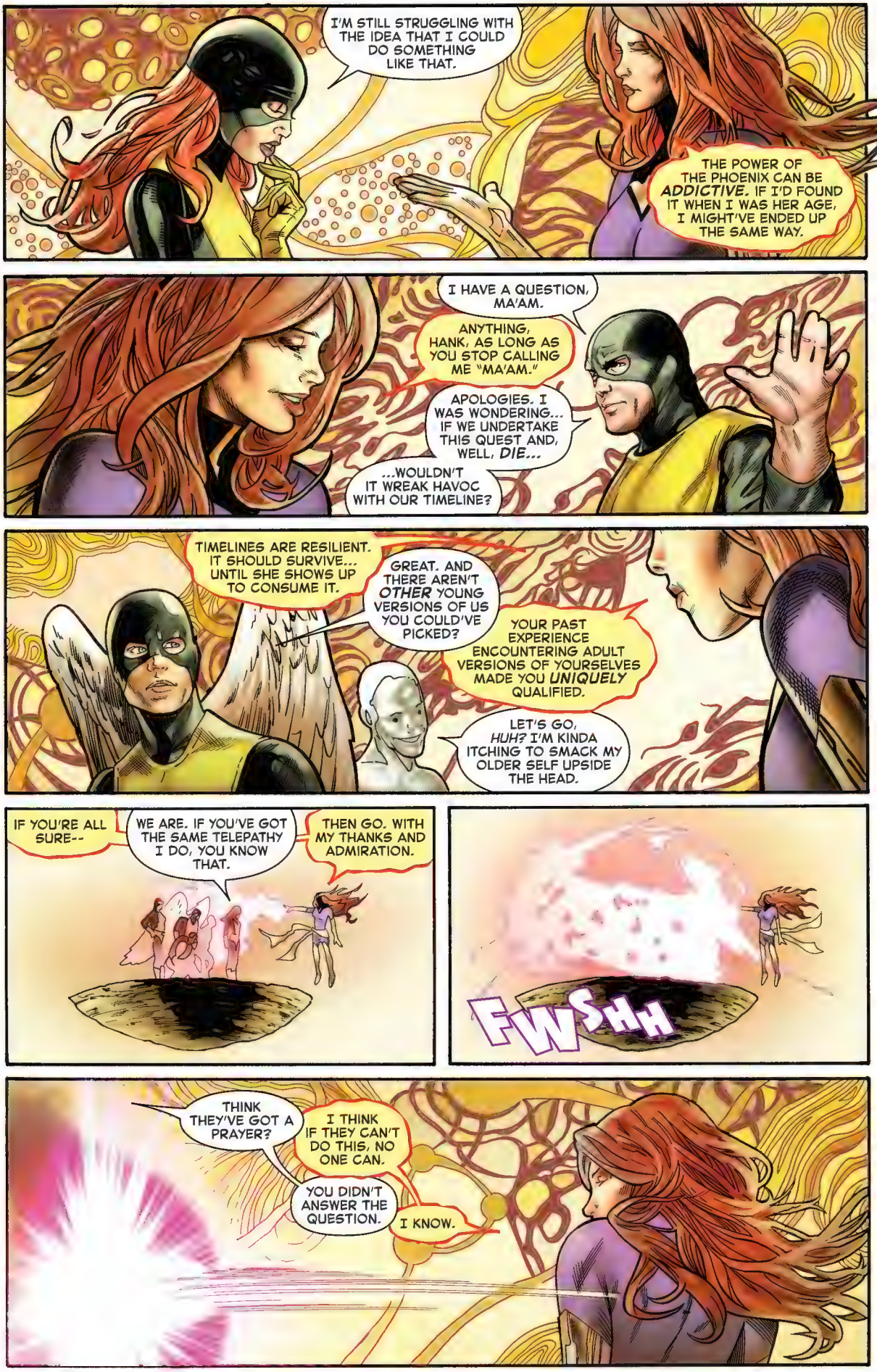
MARVEL GIRL, IS THAT... YOU?
EXCUSE ME? SHE'S ANCIENT!
THIS'LL BE EASIER IF I RESTORE YOUR MEMORIES OF THE TIME YOU SPENT IN YOUR FUTURE.
UGH. PHOENIX.
I'M SICK OF YOU, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN PROPERLY MET YOU. SEND US HOME, OR I'LL--
YOU'RE ALL A BUNDLE OF HORMONES AND NERVOUS ENERGY. SO I'M GOING TO KEEP YOU STILL FOR A MINUTE.
HEAR ME OUT, AND THEN IF YOU STILL WANT ME TO, I'LL SEND YOU HOME.
I SEE YOU GLARING AT ME, JEAN. NEVER CHANGE.
YOU'RE ALL THINKING OF THE PHOENIX FROM YOUR TIMELINE. THAT'S NOT ME.
THAT PHOENIX REPLACED JEAN GREY, BECAME UNSTABLE, AND COMMITTED MASS MURDER. IN MY REALITY, IT WAS DIFFERENT.
THE PHOENIX FORCE ASKED IF IT COULD BOND WITH ME. I SAID YES. AND WE CAME TO A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.
TOGETHER, WE HELPED BRING PEACE TO MY WORLD. THINGS ARE REALLY QUITE NICE THERE. BUT NOW THERE'S A THREAT TO THE WHOLE MULTIVERSE.
AND THAT WOULD BE?
THE PHOENIX.
SAW THAT COMING.

"A DIFFERENT PHOENIX, IN A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE. WHERE THINGS WENT...DIFFERENTLY.
"WHOSE JEAN GREY BROUGHT PEACE TO THE WORLD BY CONQUERING IT.
"SHE AND HER X-MEN HAVE BEATEN ALL WHO MIGHT CHALLENGE THEM. ONLY YOU HAVE THE REMOTEST CHANCE OF STOPPING HER."
I HAVE A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE, BUT I KINDA THINK YOU'RE A BETTER CHOICE.
NO.
SHE COULD OVERCOME ME...ADD MY PHOENIX FORCE TO HER OWN. THEN SHE'D BE TRULY UNSTOPPABLE.
YOU HAVE A SHOT BECAUSE YOU LITERALLY ARE THEM... THEIR YOUNGER SELVES.
REACH THEM... REMIND THEM WHO THEY USED TO BE.
BUT I CAN'T FORCE YOU. I WON'T. IT HAS TO BE YOUR CHOICE.
HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT MENTALLY "PERSUADING" US?
BECAUSE I'VE REAWAKENED YOUR TELEPATHIC POWERS, AND YOU WOULDN'T LET ME.
HMPH. EXACTLY WHAT A BRAINWASHER WOULD SAY.
BUT TRUE.
EXCUSE ME? JEANS? I'LL DO IT.
ME TOO.
WE ALL WILL. MARVEL GIRL, IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE BETTER IF YOU STAYED BEHIND.
HH. DID THEY DO THIS MIX OF SWEET AND PATRONIZING IN YOUR UNIVERSE?
YES. UNTIL I TOOK DOWN MEPHISTO AND DORMAMMU ON THE SAME DAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE. BUT I'M IN.

THANK YOU. I MEAN THAT WITH ALL MY HEART.
LET ME SHOW YOU THE WORLD YOU'RE ABOUT TO ENTER. IT WAS MUCH LIKE YOURS...
"...DIVERGING WHEN MAGNETO DECLARED WAR ON BOTH THE X-MEN AND THE AVENGERS...
"...AND KILLED CHARLES XAVIER."
"A HORRIFIED JEAN GREY'S VAST TELEPATHIC POWERS, LONG SUPPRESSED BY XAVIER, RE-EMERGED...
"...AND SHE SHUT DOWN MAGNETO'S MIND."
I...I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT DOING THAT. FANTASIZED ABOUT IT, I GUESS. ENDING HIS THREAT FOREVER.
I KNOW. AND THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS WHERE YOU--WHERE WE--DID JUST THAT.
IT NEVER ENDS WELL.

"IN THIS UNIVERSE, JEAN BEGAN CALLING HERSELF PHOENIX SOON AFTERWARD...MUCH EARLIER THAN IN OUR TIMELINES.
"I'M NOT SURE IF, IN HORROR AT SEEING THE PROFESSOR STRUCK DOWN, SHE CALLED THE PHOENIX FORCE THAT HAD WATCHED HER MOST OF HER LIFE...
"...OR IF IT CAME IN RESPONSE TO HER THROWING OFF THE SHACKLES ON HER POWER. IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
"SHE AND HER FELLOW X-MEN, HEARTSICK OVER ALL THE SUFFERING AND LOSS THEY'D SEEN TRYING TO REALIZE PROFESSOR XAVIER'S DREAM...
"...DECIDED TO CONTINUE USING MORE...DECISIVE METHODS TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN MUTANTS AND HUMANKIND.
"THOSE WHO HATED AND FEARED MUTANTS ABRUPTLY CHANGED THEIR WAYS.
I APPLAUD WARREN WORTHINGTON FOR HIS COURAGE IN SHOWING US THAT EVEN THE HEIR TO A GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY CAN BE A MUTANT.
THANK YOU, SENATOR KELLY.
"THOSE WHO THREATENED MUTANTS OR HUMANS WERE DEALT WITH. DECISIVELY.

"INEVITABLY, AS THEIR EFFORTS GREW MORE AMBITIOUS, THEY FACED OPPOSITION FROM PEOPLE WHO'D BEEN THEIR ALLIES.
"THEY ALL SAW THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS.
"SURE, THERE WERE WHISPERS ABOUT BRAINWASHING...
"...BUT NO ONE WHISPERED TOO LOUDLY, OR THEY ENDED UP THE SAME WAY.
"DISTURBING AS ALL THIS IS, IT'S NOT ATYPICAL OF ALTERNATE TIMELINES. THE REAL PROBLEM CAME WHEN, HAVING BENT EARTH TO HER WILL...
"...THE PHOENIX TURNED HER ATTENTION TO OTHER WORLDS, AND WAYS TO INCREASE HER POWER.
"SOON, SHE'LL LOOK BEYOND HER UNIVERSE...AND BY THEN, IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO STOP HER."


I'M STILL STRUGGLING WITH THE IDEA THAT I COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THE POWER OF THE PHOENIX CAN BE ADDICTIVE. IF I'D FOUND IT WHEN I WAS HER AGE, I MIGHT'VE ENDED UP THE SAME WAY.
I HAVE A QUESTION, MA'AM.
ANYTHING, HANK, AS LONG AS YOU STOP CALLING ME "MA'AM."
APOLOGIES. I WAS WONDERING... IF WE UNDERTAKE THIS QUEST AND, WELL, DIE...
...WOULDN'T IT WREAK HAVOC WITH OUR TIMELINE?
TIMELINES ARE RESILIENT. IT SHOULD SURVIVE... UNTIL SHE SHOWS UP TO CONSUME IT.
GREAT. AND THERE AREN'T OTHER YOUNG VERSIONS OF US YOU COULD'VE PICKED?
YOUR PAST EXPERIENCE ENCOUNTERING ADULT VERSIONS OF YOURSELVES MADE YOU UNIQUELY QUALIFIED.
LET'S GO, HUH? I'M KINDA ITCHING TO SMACK MY OLDER SELF UPSIDE THE HEAD.
IF YOU'RE ALL SURE--
WE ARE. IF YOU'VE GOT THE SAME TELEPATHY I DO, YOU KNOW THAT.
THEN GO. WITH MY THANKS AND ADMIRATION.
FWSHH
THINK THEY'VE GOT A PRAYER?
I THINK IF THEY CAN'T DO THIS, NO ONE CAN.
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION.
I KNOW.

MANHATTAN.
EARTH-696
NO FLYING CARS OR DINOSAURS... DO ALL FUTURES SUCK?
I'LL SCOUT OUR PERIMETER.
DON'T GO TOO FAR. I'M SHIELDING US FROM MENTAL PROBES, BUT IT'S ONLY GOOD FOR A COUPLE MILES.
IF THIS PHOENIX IS AS POWERFUL AS WE FEAR, WILL YOUR SHIELDS HOLD?
PROBABLY NOT, IF SHE WAS LOOKING FOR US. BUT SHE SHOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WE'RE HERE.
SO...ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT ALL THOSE MEMORIES WE JUST GOT BACK?
IF WE SURVIVE. WE'VE GOT BIGGER CONCERNS... LIKE OUR LACK OF A PLAN.
I SEE TWO OPTIONS. ONE, HIT HER HARD AND FAST...USE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
TWO, LEARN WHICH OTHER TEAM MEMBER IS THE WEAK LINK. GO AFTER THEM.
I FAVOR THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE. WE'RE NO MATCH FOR PHOENIX. BUT ONE OF HER TEAMMATES MAY KNOW OF A VULNERABILITY.
I WOULD NOT SUGGEST APPROACHING THEIR BEAST. FROM WHAT OUR PHOENIX SHOWED US, HE'S REMAINED IN A MORE... SAVAGE STAGE OF MY SECONDARY MUTATION.
IT'S GOT TO BE ME.
WHY?
BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO NEVER HAD A MAJOR CRUSH ON JEANNIE.
UH, THOUGHTS?
FINE WITH ME.
SAME. GROWN-UP BOBBY IT IS.

WHAT'S THE PLAN? WE SNEAK UP ON HIM AND JEAN SEIZES HIS MIND?
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. PUTTING ASIDE THE ETHICAL QUESTIONS-- WHICH IS KINDA WHAT WE'RE HERE ABOUT--
--THESE X-MEN WILL HAVE THE SAME TRAINING AGAINST MENTAL ATTACKS WE DO. ONE PSYCHIC CALL TO THEIR PHOENIX AND IT'S ALL OVER.
I'LL APPROACH ICEMAN. FROM WHAT PHOENIX SHOWED US, MY GROWN-UP SELF DOESN'T LOOK TOO DIFFERENT.
IN THE ABSENCE OF A BETTER PLAN...
OKAY. THE REST OF US WILL BE NEARBY IN CASE IT ALL GOES BAD.
SO HOW DO WE FIND MY EXTREMELY ADULT PARTY PAD?
THAT SOUNDS WAY CREEPIER THAN IT DID IN MY HEAD.
DAILY BUGLE
Lifestyles of the Rich & Sexy, Pt. 2:
ICEMAN "LETS IT GO" IN $30M PENTHOUSE!
EASY. I SNAGGED A DAILY BUGLE ON MY RECON.
THEY'RE AS CELEBRITY OBSESSED HERE AS THEY ARE BACK HOME.
I LIVE THERE?

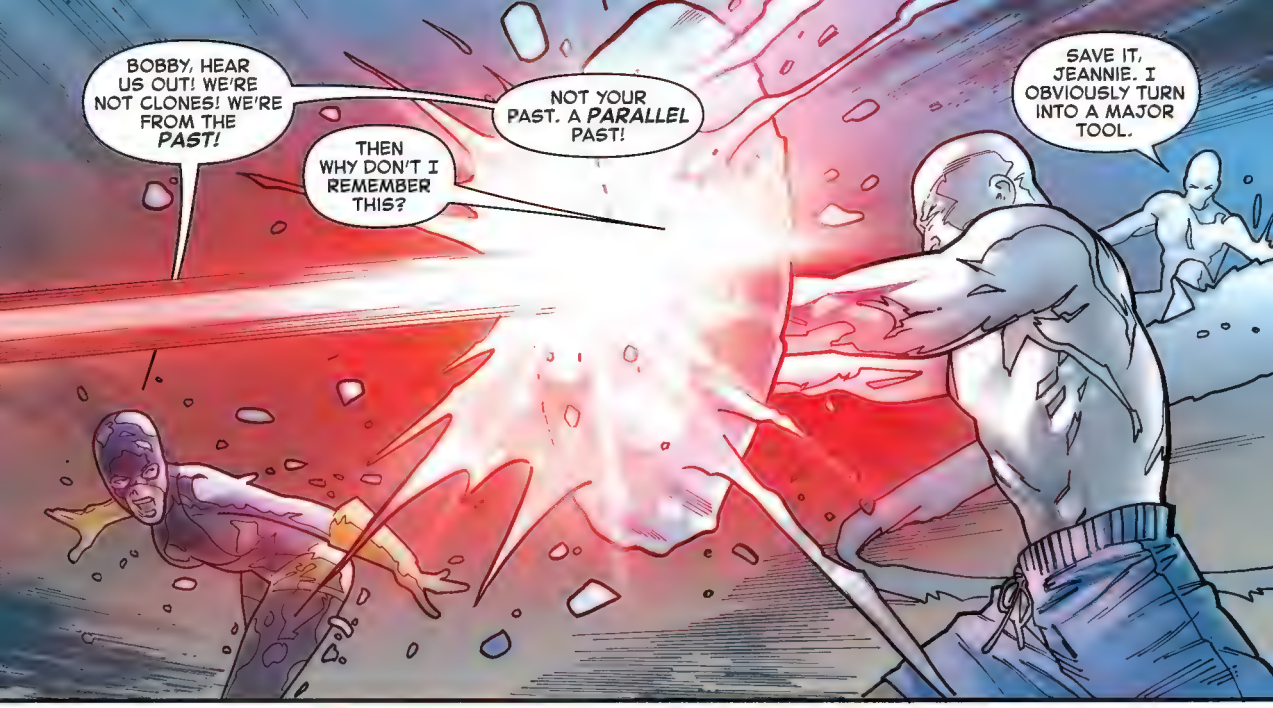
NO WONDER SO MANY BAD GUYS WANNA RULE THE WORLD. IT LOOKS LIKE A SWEET GIG!
OKAY, I'LL KEEP OUR MINDS LINKED. WARREN, WHENEVER YOU'RE READY...
WARREN! BACK FROM L.A. ALREADY?
YEAH. I, UH, GOT DONE EARLY.
WELL, THE WEST COAST X-MEN RUN A TIGHT SHIP OUT THERE--AT LEAST SINCE PHOENIX HAD HER "COME TO JEANNIE" MEETING WITH MOON KNIGHT.
WANNA COOL OFF?
I'LL JUST...HAVE A DRINK FOR NOW.
HEY, ARE THOSE OLD XAVIER'S SCHOOL PANTS? BLAST FROM THE PAST!
YEAH... ALL I HAD THAT'S CLEAN.
WAIT. YOU'RE ACTING ALL EVASIVE. DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE HOOKING UP WITH MADAME MASQUE AGAIN!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE MAGGIA, NOT "NEGOTIATING"!
HEY, BOBBY, WE MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MAGGIA OUT WEST...
WARREN?
BOBBY, WHAT'S WITH THE JUNIOR-TRIBUTE ACT?
JEANNIE, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

I HAVE HIM!
YOU'VE GOT ME...
...BUT WHO'S GOT *YOU?*
WHOOAAA!
HANK! I'M COMING!
WHAT IN THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST--?

STAND DOWN, ICEMAN. WE JUST WANT TO TALK.
OKAY, NOW THIS MAKES SENSE.
I THOUGHT WE TOOK CARE OF ALL OF SINISTER'S CLONES, BUT THAT GUY DID LOVE HIS WORK.
WE'RE NOT CLONES! GEEZ, AM I ALWAYS THIS OBNOXIOUS?
YOU HAVE YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE. THIS GUY'S JUST A JERK.
HIS PSYCHIC BARRIERS ARE STRONG! TRY TO STUN HIM!
SURE, GIVE IT A SHOT.
I'D SAY YOU'VE GOT MAYBE A MINUTE BEFORE YOU FREEZE TO DEATH.

SMART TO LOOSEN THAT SLEEPER HOLD. I BLACK OUT, WE'RE BOTH TOAST.
I GUESS YOU HAVE MEMORIES OF HANK'S WRESTLING DAYS, HUH?
YOUR DOLLAR-STORE ANGEL BUDDY IS ALMOST KEEPING UP. LET'S PUT HIM THROUGH HIS PACES.
HOLY COW!
HEY, KID, COME GET YOUR FRIEND.
HE'S NOT DRUNK, BUT THE EFFECTS OF FLYING CAN HAVE REMARKABLE SIMILARITIES.
HRK!
OH NO, HANK... DON'T!
HUUU AALLP

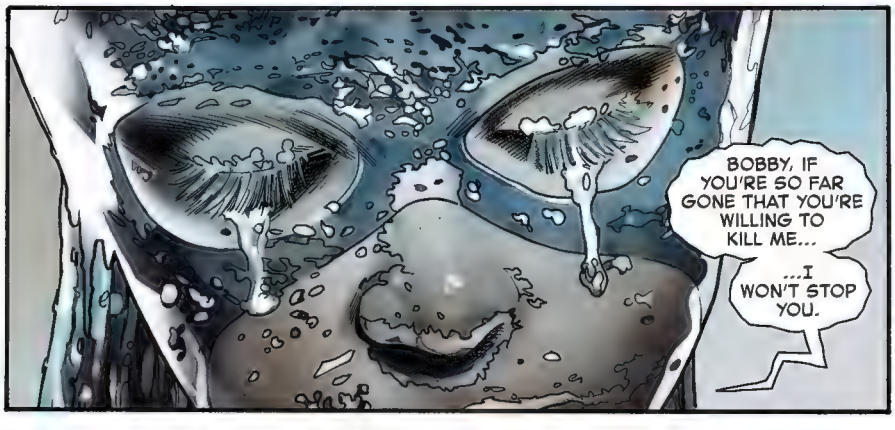
THAT IS SO DISGUSTING!
IT HAPPENS. LOOKS LIKE HE GOT SOME OF MY FEATHERS IN HIS MOUTH TOO.
OKAY, SINCE YOU CLONES ARE SO OBVIOUSLY OUTCLASSED, JUST HEAD ON BACK DOWN, AND WE'LL--
HOLD ON.
WHAT DID YOU DO?
PLUCKED...
...A FEW KEY-- URP!--
--FLIGHT FEATHERS.
YOU LITTLE SON OF AAAAAA--


BOBBY, HEAR US OUT! WE'RE NOT CLONES! WE'RE FROM THE PAST!
NOT YOUR PAST. A PARALLEL PAST!
THEN WHY DON'T I REMEMBER THIS?
SAVE IT, JEANNIE. I OBVIOUSLY TURN INTO A MAJOR TOOL.

C-COLD...
SCOTT!

YOU SLIMY--
JEAN! HELP ME!

NO. WE CAN'T BEAT HIM.
SO WHY EVEN TRY?


BOBBY, IF YOU'RE SO FAR GONE THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO KILL ME...
...I WON'T STOP YOU.

DAMN KIDS.
OKAY. TALK.
IT'D BETTER BE GOOD.
SPLAAASSHH
EASY, BUDDY. I JUST PROMISED TO HEAR THEM OUT AND NOT KILL THEM.
I MADE NO SUCH PROMISE.
BUT IF YOUNG ME SHOWERS OFF THE PUKE, I'LL ALLOW IT.

SOON...
LOOK, I BELIEVE THAT YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. BUT JEANNIE IS NOT SOME KIND OF COSMIC SUN-EATER.
I WISH THAT WERE TRUE. BUT WE'VE BEEN TO OUR FUTURE. WE'VE SEEN IT... OLD FOOTAGE, THE AFTERMATH, AND IN PERSON.
AND WHAT ABOUT ALL THE STUFF YOU WERE PART OF? IS IT TRUE OR NOT THAT PEOPLE ARE TELEPATHICALLY "RE-EDUCATED"?
BIGOTS. PEOPLE WHO WANT MUTANTS ROUNDED UP AND EXTERMINATED.
SO YOU ROUND THEM UP AND BRAINWASH THEM.
OR DO YOU PREFER "CONVERSION THERAPY"?
OKAY, I AM DONE TAKING THIS CRAP FROM YOU. YOU'RE CHILDREN! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE'VE SEEN!
LET ME CONJECTURE... DINOSAURS? ALIENS? GIANT, MUTANT-KILLING ROBOTS? JUST SPITBALLING.
WHAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN IS US FORMING ALLIANCES WITH ORGANIZED CRIMINALS LIKE THE MAGGIA!
HOW DO YOU GET LIKE THIS?
YOU WATCH PEOPLE YOU LOVE SUFFER AND DIE. YOU SUFFER YOURSELF, WORSE THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED WAS POSSIBLE.
YOU SACRIFICE EVERYTHING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER...AND NOT ONLY DO THEY NOT GET BETTER, IT ALL GETS WORSE.
SO ONE DAY, YOU COMPROMISE. JUST A LITTLE, JUST THIS ONCE. THEN YOU DO IT AGAIN.
AFTER A WHILE, YOU TELL YOURSELF IT WAS FOR THE BEST, THE ONLY WAY. AND YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT.
UNTIL YOUR TEENAGE SELF SHOWS UP...
...AND ALL IT TAKES IS ONE LOOK TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH OF A HYPOCRITE SELLOUT YOU ARE.

FINE. WE'RE TERRIBLE. BUT I STILL DON'T BUY THAT JEANNIE WOULD DO WHAT YOU SAY.
NO ONE FEELS MORE STRONGLY ABOUT THAT THAN ME. BUT THE PHOENIX FORCE IS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE.
AND NOT JUST ON HER. YOU MIGHT NOT BE AS TERRIBLE AS YOU THINK.
WAIT, YOU'RE SAYING SHE *MIND-CONTROLLED* US?
NOT OUTRIGHT. A PUSH HERE, A NUDGE THERE. I DON'T KNOW.
I COULD TELL YOU FOR SURE IF YOU OPEN YOUR MIND TO ME.
HOW STUPID DO YOU THINK WE--
GO AHEAD.
WARREN, BUDDY, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
IT'S ALREADY DONE. WHAT'S THE *VERDICT*, JEAN?
...
I'M SORRY.
I'M SO SORRY.
WE NEED TO TALK TO HANK.

LONG ISLAND.
STARK-McCOY INTERNATIONAL MAIN PLANT
GUARDSMAN SECURITY ROBOT #43--SKZZT--INTRUDER ALERT--ZZKRRK--SEVERE DAMAGE--SHHKTK--INTRUDER ALERT--KRRTK--
YOU THINK A DISGUISE AS MY FORMER SELF WILL MAKE ME ANGRY? CARELESS? DISTRACTED? THINK AGAIN!
OF COURSE, YOU'RE THE VERY PICTURE OF CALM AND COLLECTED.
HANK! STOP IT!
IT IS THEM. THEY'RE US. FROM BEFORE... ALL OF IT.
MY STARS AND GARTERS...
YOU NEED TO HEAR THIS.

--AND IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW. I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE JEANNIE WOULD MESS WITH OUR MINDS LIKE THAT--
I BELIEVE IT.
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
HELLO, TONY. HOW ARE YOU?
...LIQUID BIOTECH COMPLEX INSERTED INTO GRAPHITIC NANOTUBES I CALL IT EXTREMIS ALLOWS CYBERNETIC REVISION OF ONE'S OWN GENETIC CODE...
SOUNDS FASCINATING.
CAN'T TALK. WORKING.
HE HAD A MIND LIKE NONE I'VE SEEN. JEAN SAID SHE'D LEAVE THE GENIUS INTACT, JUST SUPPRESS THE INDEPENDENT STREAK.
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. WITHOUT THAT, HE ISN'T TONY STARK.
EXACTLY. HE COMES UP WITH INCREDIBLE THEORIES...PARTS OF THEM. BUT HE'S LOST HIS CREATIVITY. HE CAN'T MAKE THEM REAL.
THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THIS TELLS ME YOU'RE THE JEAN GREY I REMEMBER.
AND MY LONGTIME FRIEND NO LONGER IS.
I'M WITH YOU. BUT SCOTT WON'T BE. HE'LL DIE BEFORE HE TURNS AGAINST HER.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
UNLESS WE CAN MAKE HIM SEE LIKE YOU DID... THAT IT'S NOT HER ANYMORE.

GREY-SUMMERS RESIDENCE.
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO ACCEPT, SCOTT. BUT WE CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT ANYMORE.
LOOK, THOSE SENTINELS WE ACTIVATED IN AUSTRALIA WON'T KEEP HER BUSY MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES. ARE YOU WITH US?
YOU REALIZE YOU SOUND PARANOID... UNHINGED. THIS IS JEAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
AND YOU LOVE HER. WE ALL DO. BUT SHE'S MORE PHOENIX THAN JEAN NOW.
WE CAN PROVE EVERYTHING. YOU JUST HAVE TO TRUST THEM.
WHO?
THEM.
JEAN?
YES. JEAN.
AND I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED IN ALL OF YOU.

AW CRAP, AW CRAP!
CALM DOWN, BOBBY. I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU.
I'LL WIPE YOUR MINDS AND SEND YOU HOME. THE REST OF US WILL WORK THIS OUT, AS FAMILY DOES.
AND THEN I'LL DEAL WITH THE LIAR WHO SENT YOU HERE.
DON'T FIGHT ME. IT WILL ALL BE MUCH EASIER.
YOU'RE... THE LIAR.
I'M NOT SURE...WHAT YOU ARE YET. BUT YOU'RE NOT ME.
I THINK YOU'RE PART OF ME. THE DARK THOUGHTS I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT I HAVE. AND... SOMETHING ELSE. BUT NOT--
AAGGH!
JEAN!
TEENAGERS. SO MUCH DRAMA. EVERYTHING'S A HEART ATTACK.
YOU JUST VOLUNTEERED TO GO FIRST, YOUNG LADY.
NO!
ZRRAAAFAFFF
HNNGH!

SCOTT?
I'VE KNOWN FOR A WHILE. I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE. BUT YOU'RE *NOT* THE WOMAN I FELL IN LOVE WITH.
YOU'RE NOT HER.
AND I'M CLEARLY NOT *HIM* EITHER.
THEN YOU'RE NOT MUCH USE ANYMORE, ARE YOU?
SHRAAKT

I DIDN'T PLAN TO DO THIS YET. I WANTED TO BE TRULY *ALL-POWERFUL* FIRST.
BUT I'M CAPABLE OF CREATING MY OWN BODY. I'M AS A GOD COMPARED TO ANY OTHER BEING ON THIS PLANET.
SO WHY WAIT?
WH-WHAT--?
LET THE *ONSLAUGHT* BEGIN.
ONSLAUGHT. THERE'S ONE OF THESE IN OUR FUTURE. A COMBO OF THE DARK SIDES OF PROFESSOR X AND MAGNETO.
CREATED WHEN THE PROFESSOR SHUT DOWN MAGNETO'S MIND... AS YOUR JEAN DID HERE. OF *COURSE.*
WHY DIDN'T WE SEE IT?

BECAUSE FEAR OF THE PHOENIX IS UNIVERSAL. THAT'S WHY I *ADOPTED* THE ROLE, EVEN THOUGH THE PHOENIX FORCE NEVER CAME NEAR THIS WORLD.
THE TRULY COSMIC FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE KNEW I WASN'T ON THEIR LEVEL. THOSE JUST BELOW THEM WERE AFRAID TO CHALLENGE THE PHOENIX.
BUYING ME TIME TO *TRANSCEND* MY ORIGINS. ALL THAT BLOODSHED OVER HUMANITY VERSUS MUTANTKIND, WHEN BOTH ARE SO...SMALL.
I MAY NOT BE QUITE THE COSMIC FORCE I INTENDED YET, BUT I'M CLOSE ENOUGH.
I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE... OR THIS WORLD.
SO I'LL DRAIN EVERY HUMAN MIND ON IT. USE THEIR MENTAL ENERGY TO BECOME THE GOD I WAS MEANT TO BE.
THEN MY WORK WILL REALLY BEGIN.
DON'T BLAME YOURSELVES. THIS WOULD'VE HAPPENED SOON ANYWAY. THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO TO STOP IT.
WRONG.

GNAAHHH!
P-PAIN! I HAVEN'T FELT PAIN IN YEARS!
WH-WHAT--?
WHILE I WAS IN THE FUTURE, I LEARNED SOMETHING.
IF I LIVED PAST TODAY, I'D HAVE TO FOCUS THE UNITED MINDS OF ALMOST EVERYONE ON EARTH TO REPEL ALIEN INVADERS.
IF I COULD DO IT THEN, I CAN DO IT NOW. EXCEPT NOW, THE INVADER'S YOU.
THEY'RE ANGRY. THEY SENSE YOU'RE KILLING THEM...AND THEY WANT TO RETURN THE FAVOR.
STUPID GIRL, YOU'RE CAUSING A PSYCHIC CHAIN REACTION! IT'LL CONSUME THE WORLD...ALONG WITH YOU!
LIKE YOU WERE ABOUT TO. THIS WAY, YOU GO WITH US, AND THE KILLING ENDS HERE.
IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING YOU. WHICH MAKES ME RESPONSIBLE FOR ENDING YOU.
NOT... YOU.
JEAN? AREN'T WE FIGHTING YOU?
ONSLAUGHT'S NOT ALL OF ME. JUST THE WORST PARTS. THE REST WAS TOO WEAK TO PREVENT THIS... BUT NOW I'M FREE.

THIS IS ON ME. I'LL HANDLE IT FROM HERE.
YOU STUPID COW, WITHOUT ME, YOU'RE DYING! YOU CAN'T HANDLE ANYTHING!
MAYBE NOT ALONE. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES, I'M NOT ALONE.
GO ON, KIDS. I'VE CONTACTED THE ONE WHO SENT YOU HERE.
BE BETTER THAN WE WERE... THAN I WAS.
WAIT--
WE'RE HERE, JEAN.
WE LET YOU DOWN FOR TOO LONG, BUT WE'RE HERE NOW.
THANK YOU. I DON'T DESERVE IT, BUT...THANK YOU.
I'M SORRY, GUYS. I'M SO SORRY.
SHH. WE COULD'VE DONE BETTER TOO. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
I LOVE YOU ALL. SO MUCH.
"NOW AND FOREVER."

ELSEWHERE/ ELSEWHEN.
THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE. ONSLAUGHT WAS TOO POWERFUL.
IT WAS THE ONLY--
MA'AM-- JEAN--
--JUST WIPE OUR MEMORIES AND SEND US HOME, PLEASE.
YEAH. I WANT TO GO FIGHT PLANTMAN AND FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED.
I SENSE YOU'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT. AND I UNDERSTAND.
I--I'M SORRY.
WE UNDERSTAND IT WAS NECESSARY. BUT THERE'S NO REASON WE NEED TO REMEMBER THIS.
I DON'T WANT THESE MEMORIES BACK. EVER. I KNOW YOU CAN GIVE US THAT.
IN FACT, IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO.
AS YOU WISH. THE PHOENIX WILL SEE YOU HOME.
THANK YOU, MY OLD FRIENDS...MY OLD SELF.
TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

JOB'S NOT DONE, JEANNIE. ONSLAUGHT AIN'T DEAD. JUST HIGHTAILED IT INTO THE MULTIVERSE.
YOU KNOW THAT. WHY'D YOU SEND 'EM HOME?
BECAUSE THEY'RE KIDS. AND THEY'VE MORE THAN EARNED THE RIGHT TO BE KIDS... OR AS CLOSE AS X-MEN EVER GET.
THEY WERE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO HANDLE THIS PARTICULAR CRISIS.
BUT ONSLAUGHT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER ENTIRELY.
ABOUT TIME I FINALLY SAW SOME ACTION.
YOU'LL GET ALL YOU WANT AND MORE. BUT--NO OFFENSE, LOGAN-- YOU'RE NOT ENOUGH.
TO FIND AND END ONSLAUGHT, WE'LL NEED MORE. AN ENTIRE UNIT OF THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT THEY DO.
A BAND OF LOGANS.
JAMES HOWLETT OF EARTH-295,
THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE.
A.K.A.
WEAPON X

WEAPON X-MEN #1

EARTH-295.
THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE.
"PEOPLE I RESPECTED... PEOPLE I LOVED...USED TO SAY THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE WOULD WIN OUT IN THE END.
"I'D SEEN TOO MUCH THAT PROVED OTHERWISE. WORLD WARS. GREED. HATE.
"APOCALYPSE TAKIN' OVER THE UNITED STATES. DECLARIN' WAR ON HUMANITY.
"HUMANITY WAGIN' WAR RIGHT BACK. BOTH SIDES NUKIN' EACH OTHER ON THE REGULAR.
"SO, MUCH AS I MIGHTA WANTED TO, I COULD NEVER BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE WE EVEN HAD BETTER NATURES, NEVER MIND THAT THEY'D WIN.
"THAT ATTITUDE COST ME THE WOMAN I LOVED.
"TWICE.
"THEY BELIEVED SOMETHIN' I NEVER COULD, AND IT DROVE US APART. I GUESS THAT'S WHY I JOINED UP WITH YOU..."
...PHOENIX.
I MEAN, SURE, PART OF IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE JEAN GREY. A DIFFERENT JEAN THAN THE ONE I LOVED, BUT STILL HER.
AND I WANTED TO TRY TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT, JUST A LITTLE. BUT ALSO, I GUESS...SELFISH AS THIS SOUNDS...
...I WANTED TO GIVE THE UNIVERSE ONE LAST CHANCE TO PROVE ITSELF TO ME. BUT I GOTTA TELL YA...

WOLVERINE OF EARTH-9997, A.K.A. EARTH X.
WOLVERINE OF EARTH-807128, CONQUERED BY EARTH'S SUPER VILLAINS.
JANE HOWLETT OF EARTH-1281, CIRCA 1909 CE.
WOLVERINE OF EARTH-2149, OVERRUN BY AN UNDEAD CONTAGION.
...IT AIN'T OFF TO A GREAT START.

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, BUB. SEEMS T' ME YER A FEW CLAWS SHORT 'A THE REST OF US.
YER ABOUT TA FIND OUT THE SHARP WAY, FATSO.
I AIN'T FAT. HEALIN' FACTOR WON'T ALLOW IT.
YOU SURE THAT AIN'T A DENIAL FACTOR?
GENTLEMEN, PLEASE. THE PHOENIX FORCE CHOSE THE FIVE OF YOU. IT HAD ITS REASONS, AS...MYSTERIOUS AS THEY MAY BE.
THERE'S NO TIME TO FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES. ONE EARTH'S ALREADY DIED. AND EVERY SECOND WE DELAY, THE MONSTER RESPONSIBLE GETS STRONGER.
WE HAVE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY BECOME UNSTOPPABLE.
IF YOUR LADYSHIP CAN SPARE A MOMENT TO EDUCATE THE HELP...WHO MIGHT "THEY" BE?
ALSO, IS THIS EVERYONE? I KINDA CAME HERE HOPING THERE MIGHT BE, Y'KNOW, A BIGGER CROWD.
THIS SHOULD CALM YOUR UNDEAD HUNGER.
I'LL BE DAMNED, IT WORKED. NOT GONNA GET A FIVE-STAR REVIEW, BUT...
YOU LOOK LIKE YER FROM OLDEN TIMES, KID. NOWADAYS, FOLKS WHO DON'T WANNA BE PINNED DOWN AS A GUY OR GAL USE "THEY/THEM" PRONOUNS.
KINDA DRAMATIC FOR MY TASTES, BUT I'M THE GUY WHO WEARS HIS HAIR LIKE THIS, SO WHO AM I TA JUDGE?
SUCH PERSONS HAVE EXISTED THROUGHOUT HISTORY, SIR, AND ARE HARDLY UNUSUAL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN-OUGHT-NINE.
I MERELY SOUGHT CLARITY AS TO OUR FOE'S ABILITIES.
OUR ENEMY IS CALLED ONSLAUGHT AND ISN'T A PHYSICAL BEING AT ALL...
...BUT RATHER THE DARKEST, MOST RUTHLESS PARTS OF TWO BEINGS...ONE OF THEM ME.

I'M JEAN GREY. ALL BUT JANE KNOW A VERSION OF ME. AS A CHILD, MY MENTAL POWERS AWAKENED WHEN MY BEST FRIEND WAS FATALLY HIT BY A CAR.
I WAS IN HER MIND WHEN SHE DIED. THE EXPERIENCE SHAPED ME FOREVER... FOR GOOD AND ILL.
I WAS RECRUITED TO THE X-MEN BY CHARLES XAVIER, WHO DREAMED OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN US MUTANTS AND HUMANITY.
"IN THIS HE WAS OPPOSED BY MAGNETO, A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR WHO BELIEVED THERE WOULD NEVER BE PEACE AND SOUGHT MUTANT RULE.
"ON ONE OF MANY EARTHS IN THE MULTIVERSE, THESE TRAUMATIZED PEOPLE BATTLED. XAVIER WAS KILLED...
"...AND THAT WORLD'S JEAN GREY SHUT DOWN MAGNETO'S MIND.
"BUT PART OF MAGNETO SURVIVED...THE FEAR, THE HATE. THE DARKEST SIDE. IT COMBINED WITH JEAN'S OWN, GATHERING POWER WITHIN HER.
"BECOMING ITS OWN BEING...A CREATURE OF LIMITLESS MENTAL ENERGY. SENSING THE DANGER IT POSED TO THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE, I SUMMONED HELP...
"...THE ORIGINAL X-MEN, AS TEENAGERS, WITH THEIR IDEALS INTACT. THEY EXPOSED ONSLAUGHT AND DESTROYED ITS PHYSICAL FORM...
"...BUT AT GREAT COST. THAT ENTIRE WORLD WAS CONSUMED IN THE ENERGY BACKLASH.
"YET ONSLAUGHT, THOUGH WEAKENED, SURVIVED."

ONSLAUGHT ESCAPED INTO THE MULTIVERSE. IT'S HIDING ITS TRACKS, NO DOUBT WORKING ON REBUILDING ITS POWER.
I NEED YOU TO FIND IT, WOLVERINES FROM ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT YOU DO.
I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE THAT BOAST.
BUT I DARESAY YOU MIGHT BE BETTER.
I CAN'T TAKE THE LEAD. IF ONSLAUGHT STEALS MY POWER--THE PHOENIX FORCE--IT BECOMES TRULY UNSTOPPABLE.
BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON, RELATED TO WHY I CHOSE YOU...VERSIONS OF THE SAME PERSON.
IF ONSLAUGHT CORRUPTS AN EARTH...
...INFESTS THE MINDS OF ALL ITS PEOPLE, AS IT DID TO ITS HOMEWORLD--THAT PLACE IS BEYOND HELP.
I NEED TO SAVE MY POWER TO DESTROY IT.
I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO FIGHT TO YOUR LAST BREATHS TO SAVE ANY EARTH FROM THAT FATE.
I ALSO KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO MAKE THE HARD CALL WHEN THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.

ONE LAST THING.
I KNOW MANY OF YOU LOVED A JEAN GREY AT SOME POINT. SOME STILL MAY.
ONSLAUGHT *ISN'T HER.* IT'S EVERYTHING SHE *HATES.*
DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU. IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO END IT...IT'S WHAT JEAN WOULD WANT YOU TO DO.
I'VE SEARCHED FOR ONSLAUGHT'S ENERGY TRAIL...
...NARROWED ITS LOCATION TO ONE SECTION OF THE MULTIVERSE. A FEW DOZEN DIMENSIONS.
THERE'S ONE EARTH AMONG THEM I THINK ONSLAUGHT MIGHT BE DRAWN TO.
ANY PARTICULAR REASON?
IT'S AN EARTH WHERE HUMANS AND MUTANTS UNITED TO FIGHT OFF AN ALIEN INVASION.
NOW THEY LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE.
THE LEADERS OF MUTANTKIND ARE *JEAN GREY* AND *MAGNETO.*

WE LEAVE IN FIVE MINUTES.
IN THE MEANTIME, THERE'S FOOD, BEER--NOT TOO MUCH--AND WEAPONS, IF YOU WANT.
LOGAN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY.
NOPE.
I KNOW YOUR HISTORY. YOU WERE TRICKED INTO KILLING THE OTHER X-MEN. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
AND I GATHER I DIED ON YOUR WORLD BEFORE THAT HAPPENED, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO AVOID ME.
OKAY.
LOOK, YOU'RE THE OLDEST. I VALUE YOUR INSIGHT. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SHARE?
ABOUT ONSLAUGHT... OR ANYTHING YOU'VE OBSERVED ABOUT YOUR COUNTER-PARTS?
RECKON YOU NOTICED ONE OF 'EM'S A ZOMBIE.
I DID, YES.
THEN NOPE.
OKAY, LAST CALL! LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD, YA KNUCKLE-HEADS!
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
IF YOU NEED ME, JUST CALL OUT IN YOUR MIND. I'LL HEAR YOU.
AND IN CASE I HAVEN'T MADE MYSELF CLEAR, IF YOU FIND ONSLAUGHT...
...KILL IT.

EARTH-93068:
WELL, GENTS...SMELLS AS IF THE CITY'S NOT FAR OFF. SHALL WE?
SUITS ME.
HERE, PRETTY BOY, TAKE MY JACKET.
WHY? I'M NOT COLD.
TRUST ME.
YOU OKAY, JANE? MUST BE CULTURE SHOCK FOR SOMEONE FROM... "OUGHT NINE," YOU SAID?
I'M WELL. SEEN MY SHARE OF STRANGE PLACES.
CURIOUS TO DISCOVER WHAT THAT STATUE HONORS.
SEEMS A FINE WAY TO LEARN WHAT THESE PEOPLE VALUE.
"IN GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE, HUMAN AND MUTANT, WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO REPEL THE BADOON INVASION."
BADOON... THEY'D BE THE ALIENS PHOENIX MENTIONED.
LOOKS LIKE THE WAR DIDN'T GO SO GOOD FOR NICK FURY AND PROFESSOR X, HUH?
WHRANG

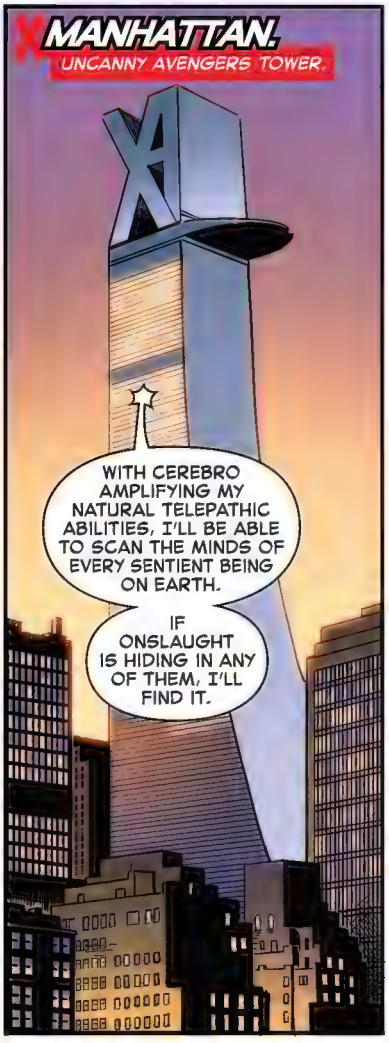
THEY SAVED THE ENTIRE *WORLD.*
MORE MEANINGFUL LIVES THAN MISTAKES LIKE *YOU* WILL EVER KNOW!
EASY, *CAPTAIN AMERICA.* THESE CLONES ARE VICTIMS THEMSELVES.
SINISTER AND *ARNIM ZOLA* ARE CONFIRMED DEAD. *SPIDER-MAN,* COULD *THE JACKAL* BE BEHIND THIS?
LAST I HEARD, *MILES WARREN* WAS IN A STRAITJACKET, BUT WITH CLONING EXPERTS YOU NEVER KNOW, *CAPTAIN MARVEL.*
ANY OTHER IDEAS, *TRANSONIC?*
JUST ONE.
UNCANNY AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

WE AIN'T CLONES, AND WE AIN'T YOUR ENEMIES. JUST LISTEN--
LAST TIME WE "JUST LISTENED," THE BADOON WIPED COLORADO OFF THE MAP.
SO, NO, I DON'T THINK WE WILL.
YOUR CAP'S KINDA TIGHTLY WOUND.
WARS'LL DO THAT. YOU OKAY? YOU'RE BREATHING HEAVY.
I'M FINE!
CAROL? THAT YOU? LOOK, THIS IS STUPID. CAN WE JUST TALK?
WHEN WOLVERINE'S CALLING YOU IMPULSIVE, IT'S KIND OF A BURN.
JEAN, CAN YOU READ THEIR MINDS?
THEY'VE GOT THE SAME MENTAL BLOCKS WE WERE TAUGHT. IT'LL TAKE TIME WE DON'T HAVE.
AND NEED NOT SPEND.
I AM STILL THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM.
AND WOLVERINE STILL HAS A SKELETON LACED WITH METAL.

NOT ALL OF US.
SNIKT
SNIKT
I'VE GOT HER--
JUST WHAT I WAS GONNA SAY.
GOD!
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT.
LET'S SEE HOW YOU STAND UP TO MACH FIVE.
UNGH!

WAIT!
YEAH, WE'VE GOT MENTAL DEFENSES. BUT WE'LL LET 'EM DOWN.
WHAT?
SNAKT
DROP 'EM, I SAID.
JEANNIE, READ OUR MINDS. MAKE SURE WE'RE ON THE LEVEL.
IT'S A TRAP. A MENTAL SNARE, PLANTED IN HIS MIND.
AREN'T MANY TELEPATHS LEFT WHO COULD OUTMANEUVER ME ON THAT PLANE.
DON'T YOU DARE.
OKAY. I'LL DO IT.
MAGNETO, CAPTAIN AMERICA, IF I SHOW ANY SIGN OF DISTRESS, NAIL HIM, THEN ME.
WITHOUT HESITATION.
HERE GOES.

JEAN?
I'M FINE. I JUST--
YOUR WORLD. I'M SO SORRY.
ALL OF YOU.
BUT IF THE UNDEAD ONE GETS CLOSE TO ANYBODY, KILL IT. ATOMIZE THE HEAD.
PHOENIX ENABLED HIM TO SURVIVE ON AMBIENT COSMIC ENERGY, BUT HE STILL WANTS FLESH.
HE'S THINKING ABOUT BITING ME RIGHT NOW.
HEY, I NEVER COULD CONTROL MYSELF AROUND YA, RED.
JUST A VARIATION ON A THEME.
THAT YOU ALL ARE.
EXCEPT YOU, JANE. KEEP GIVING 'EM HELL.
I... THANK YOU? I THINK?
AVENGERS, WE FACE ONSLAUGHT--A BEING FROM ANOTHER REALITY MADE OF THE DARKEST CORNERS OF MY AND MAGNETO'S MINDS.
IF HE'S ON THIS WORLD, I'LL FIND HIM... WITH THE HELP OF CEREBRO.
WOLVERINES, PLEASE ACCOMPANY US TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AS OUR GUESTS.
THOUGH IF THERE'S CAUSE, THAT STATUS COULD EASILY CHANGE TO PRISONER.
I THINK SHE'S TALKING TO YOU.


MANHATTAN.
UNCANNY AVENGERS TOWER.
WITH CEREBRO AMPLIFYING MY NATURAL TELEPATHIC ABILITIES, I'LL BE ABLE TO SCAN THE MINDS OF EVERY SENTIENT BEING ON EARTH.
IF ONSLAUGHT IS HIDING IN ANY OF THEM, I'LL FIND IT.

IT SHOULD TAKE AN HOUR OR SO. MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.
ARE WE FREE TO LEAVE?
EVERYONE BUT THE ZOMBIE.
WOW, IT'S SAD WHEN THE HATED AND FEARED TURN RIGHT AROUND AND HATE AND FEAR OTHERS.

I'LL BE HONEST THOUGH-- I WOULDN'T GO OUT THERE TODAY. TONIGHT'S LIBERATION EVE.
THE ANNIVERSARY OF DEFEATING THE BADOON. PEOPLE GET OUT OF CONTROL.

WELL, THAT'S ME OFF TO THE NEAREST PUB.
I'D GO WITH YOU, EXCEPT PREJUDICE.
BE GOOD, BOYS!

MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOMETHING TO DO IN THE BUILDING--
TAKE A SEAT, PUNK.
WAITIN' OUGHTA BE EASY FOR A DEAD GUY.

ONE HOUR LATER.
SO, HEALING FACTOR DIDN'T HELP WITH THE BITE?
NOPE.
SEE? IT'S A HEALING FACTOR, NOT A MAGIC FACTOR.
LOGAN?
I SEARCHED THE WHOLE PLANET. ONSLAUGHT ISN'T HERE. SORRY.
DON'T BE. I'M KINDA GLAD. NICE TO SEE A WORLD WHERE THINGS WORKED OUT.
WE SHOULD LET PHOENIX KNOW.
THANK YOU, JEAN. I'LL SEARCH NEARBY DIMENSIONS. AND GET THESE GUYS OUT OF YOUR HAIR.
THE CHICK ONE OF US WENT LOOKING FOR A BAR.
IT'S A HOLIDAY HERE. THEY'RE ALL WELCOME TO STAY WHILE YOU CONDUCT YOUR SWEEP.
IF YOU DON'T MIND. AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, JEAN...GREAT JOB.
RIGHT BACK AT YOU, SISTER.
THERE'S A PARTY ON THE HELIPAD YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN.
YOU AIN'T GOIN'?
FOR SOME, THIS IS MORE OF A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. I'M ONE OF 'EM.
YOU GUYS HAVE FUN.

HORS D'OEUVRES?
I GOT FOOD ALLERGIES.
HOW 'BOUT WE GO INSIDE, YOU SHOW ME WHAT ELSE IS ON THE MENU?
UM--
HEY! NO EATING THE HELP.
YOU INSENSITIVE JERK! I DIED! I ATE MY FRIENDS! YOU THINK THAT'S EASY?
MY OLD SELF IS STILL IN HERE, SORTA! I'M JUST SO HUNGRY!
MEANWHILE, YOU WALK AROUND WITH THAT GUT HANGING OUT, TEASING ME!
IS IT THAT NOTICEABLE?
FER PETE'S SAKE.
HERE. STICK THIS IN YOUR MOUTH AND SHUT UP A WHILE.
MY MAN! I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND ME. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN SOME CRAP.
HEY, WHERE'S THE ONE-ARMED DUDE?
'SCUSE ME, J--MS. GREY? I WANTED TA MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY.
I'VE LOST PEOPLE MYSELF. DAYS LIKE THIS... THEY CAN WEIGH ON YA.
OH...THANK YOU. I'M FINE. THEY'RE JUST ALWAYS ON MY MIND TODAY...

...AND SEEING ALL OF *YOU*... WELL, YOU CAN IMAGINE.
GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR, *HUH?*
STAYED BEHIND ON THE ***BADOON THRONEWORLD***... BOUGHT THE OTHERS TIME TO GET AWAY WITH THE INTEL THEY'D CAPTURED.
THAT DAY TURNED THE TIDE.
GLAD YOU TOLD ME BEFORE I MADE AN ASS OF MYSELF. I WAS GONNA ASK WHO YOU ENDED UP WITH.
IS IT ***REALLY*** ALWAYS ONE OF YOU?
ODDS'RE GOOD.
I WASN'T THERE. TELEPATHS WERE EARTH'S EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM.
I MISS THEM EVERY DAY. BUT IF I'M BRUTALLY HONEST...
...PART OF ME IS GLAD TO HAVE DEFINED A LIFE FOR MYSELF THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHO I'M ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH.
BETTER OFF WITHOUT US, *HUH?*
I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

TOAD'S HOLE BAR.
I DUNNO. WHATEVER'S BUGGING YOU, I BET IT'S JUST FUTURE SHOCK. YOU BEING FROM THE PAST AND ALL.
THERE'S GOTTA BE GOOD STUFF TOO, RIGHT? WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT OUR TIME?
ASSUMING LESS LEGALIZED RACISM AND MISOGYNY AS A GIVEN... PROBABLY INDOOR WASHROOMS.
WAIT--CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING. NO, REGULAR BATHING.
FRANKLY, GLOB, I'M FAR LESS IMPRESSED WITH THIS "INTERNET" YOU'RE ALWAYS ON ABOUT.
HONESTLY, SAME. NOT MADE FOR MY FINGERS.
I KNOW JEAN SAID ONSLAUGHT WASN'T HERE, BUT I WAS STILL HOPING TO DO SOME RESEARCH.
LATER. IT'S A PARTY! HAVE SOME MORE DRINKS. YOU HOLD IT WELL.
WHERE I'M FROM, EVERYONE DRINKS ALL THE TIME. BEER'S SAFER THAN WATER. WATER'LL GIVE YOU DYSENTERY.
OHH, LIKE IN THAT ANCIENT VIDEO GAME.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, CHUM. AT ANY RATE, MY GUT SAYS SOMETHING'S OFF...MORE SO THE MORE TIME I SPEND AMONG PEOPLE.
SUPPOSE I'D BETTER LET PHOENIX KNOW.
THAT'S ODD. CAN'T GET HOLD OF HER.
YEAH, SHAME ABOUT THAT. I WAS STARTING TO REALLY LIKE YOU.
BUT WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?

SSSTHK
BY THE LORD HARRY!
ONSLAUGHT, I PRESUME?
YOU WEREN'T HIDING IN ONE PERSON. YOU WERE HIDING IN ALL OF 'EM.
PLENTY OF DARKNESS IN THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO'VE SURVIVED A BRUTAL WAR.
AND FOUND THEM WELCOMING.
POOR JEAN. AS IF I COULDN'T HIDE FROM MYSELF. I ONLY DID THAT FOR DECADES BACK HOME.
DON'T RUN, CHILD. I SENSE THE DARKNESS IN YOU TOO.
YOU BELONG WITH US...

NEARBY.
LOOKS LIKE SOME 'A OUR GENERATION SURVIVED THE WAR. THAT'S ICEMAN, CANNONBALL, COLOSSUS AND JUBILEE.
YOU, UH, THINK WE SHOULD GO SAY HI?
NOPE.
I'M HAVIN' A BAD HAIR DAY.
YEAH, I HEAR YA.
LOOK!
KRAKABOOOOOM
ONSLAUGHT...
OH MY GOD, TRANSONIC!
WHAT'D YOU DO TO HER?
SHE'S INSANE! TAKE HER DOWN!

SHRAK!
NOT YET, CAROL.
O-ONSLAUGHT... HIDING IN...
EVERYONE. I CAN READ IT IN YOUR THOUGHTS. DAMN ME FOR A FOOL.
AND NOW THAT IT'S DOMINANT, I CAN SEE JUST HOW BAD IT IS. MAGNUS...
...I THINK WE MAY BE THE ONLY MUTANTS ON EARTH IT HASN'T TAKEN OVER.
THERE ARE A FEW.
THE WEAKER ONES.
AND A FEW MILLION HUMANS.
FRANKLY, I WANTED TO TAKE THEM ALL--
--AND THE TWO OF YOU--
--BEFORE I DID THIS.
BUT IT'S PROBABLY LONG PAST TIME...

...FOR ONSLAUGHT TO TRULY LIVE AGAIN.
MILES, INITIATE THE BADOON PROTOCOLS.
ON IT, MS. GREY.
JEAN. MAGNUS. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE ENEMIES. I AM YOU.
YOU'VE DONE SO WELL HERE. BUT TOGETHER, WE COULD DO SO MUCH MORE.
LET'S FACE IT. MUTANTS WILL NEVER BE TRULY SAFE UNTIL THEY RULE. UNTIL THEY FEAR DEATH NO MORE.
NOT JUST HERE, BUT ANYWHERE. JOIN ME. WHAT YOU THOUGHT AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM, WE CAN MAKE REALITY.
ABOMINATION! YOU, WHO ENSLAVE THOSE WEAKER THAN YOURSELF--WHO USE THEM TO BUILD YOUR OWN POWER--
--IF YOU ARE ANY PART OF ME, IT IS THOSE THAT MOST DISGUST ME.
EVERYONE HAS WEAK MOMENTS...DARK THOUGHTS. BUT WE REJECT OURS, ONSLAUGHT.
WE REJECT YOU.
I SEE. WELL.
YOU'VE MADE YOUR FEELINGS CLEAR.
REALITY

DAMN.
JEAN!
WAIT! IT SHREDDED BOTH THEIR FORCE-FIELDS--
RRRRAAAA!
THE GIRL'S THE SMARTEST OF YOU.
I HAVE MAGNETO'S ABILITIES AS WELL AS JEAN GREY'S. I COULD END YOU ALL.
WRING THE ADAMANTIUM OUT OF YOUR BONES AND SHATTER WHAT'S LEFT. ERASE YOUR BRAINS. TEAR YOU APART ATOM BY ATOM.
BUT YOUR PHOENIX HAS SENSED MY RETURN BY NOW. AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FACE HER-- YET.
HOWEVER, I KNOW SHE'LL STAY BEHIND TO SAVE YOU RATHER THAN PURSUE ME.
ENJOY GETTING REACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OLD FRIENDS.

JUBILEE... CAROL...DON'T DO THIS.
OH, STOP WHINING, LOGAN. IT'S SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU'RE ONSLAUGHT TOO. YOU'LL FIND OUT.
C'MON! IF YOU'RE ANYTHING LIKE THE PEOPLE I KNEW, YOU CAN *FIGHT* THIS! YOU CAN--

KIIIIILLLL!

WELL, *ALL RIGHT!* HIS HEALING FACTOR MAY BE FOR CRAP, BUT HIS *BERSERKER RAGE* WORKS PRETTY DAMN GOOD!
THESE PEOPLE ARE JUST *ECHOES* OF WHOEVER THEY WERE...A *HIVE MIND* FOR ONSLAUGHT. I SAW IT AT THE BAR.
DON'T HOLD BACK.

COME ON, PETEY. DON'T MAKE ME DO THIS.
GUILTY CONSCIENCE, LOGAN? WHYEVER FOR? HA HA HA!
PATHETIC. WHERE DID PHOENIX DO HER SHOPPING, THE "SCRATCHED AND DENTED" AISLE?
I'VE SEEN LESS BAGGAGE AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT. OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE MAN I ONCE KNEW, I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF--
HEY!
ONSLAUGHT MIND VIRUS...
...MEET ZOMBIE PLAGUE!
CHOMP
AAGHH!

OH GOD, NO...
THE SITUATION'S UNTENABLE. WOLVERINES, I'M PULLING THE PLUG. LET'S--
WAIT!
PLEASE, MA'AM, I HEARD ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE, LIKE, A GODDESS, RIGHT?
DR. STRANGE SAYS THERE'S STILL A BILLION PEOPLE ON EARTH WHO AREN'T POSSESSED. WE CAN GET THEM TO SAFETY WITH YOUR HELP.
I--I DON'T--
GO ON, JEANNIE. WE CAN HOLD THE FORT HERE.
ALL RIGHT. BUT DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
THE JEAN FROM HERE TOLD ME. AFTER THE WAR, THEY SET UP AN EXIT PLAN...
"...IN CASE THE BADOON, OR ANYTHING LIKE 'EM, CAME BACK.
"THEY GOT A BUNCHA MAGIC FOLKS WHO CAN GET PEOPLE TO A SAFE WORLD THROUGH SOMETHIN' CALLED THE NEXUS OF ALL REALITIES.

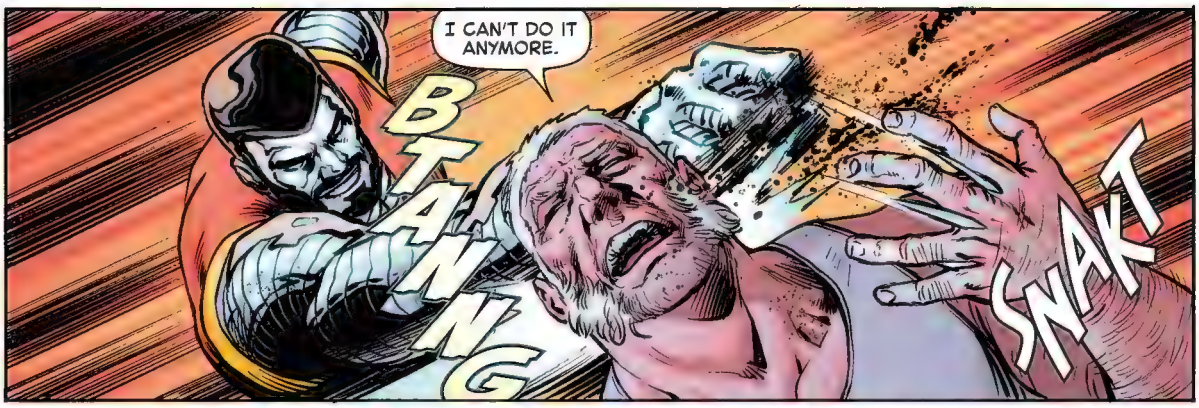
"WITH PHOENIX'S HELP, THEY CAN GATHER EVERYONE WHO'S STILL NOT INFECTED...

"...IN A MATTER 'A MINUTES.
"ALL WE GOTTA DO IS HOLD OUT THAT LONG..."

...AND MAKE SURE ONSLAUGHT'S ARMY DOESN'T NOTICE WHERE THE REAL ACTION IS.

NNAAAGHH!
KK--

I'M SO SORRY. SO SORRY.
OLD MAN! HEADS UP!


I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE.
BTANG
SNAK

NO MORE.
NO!

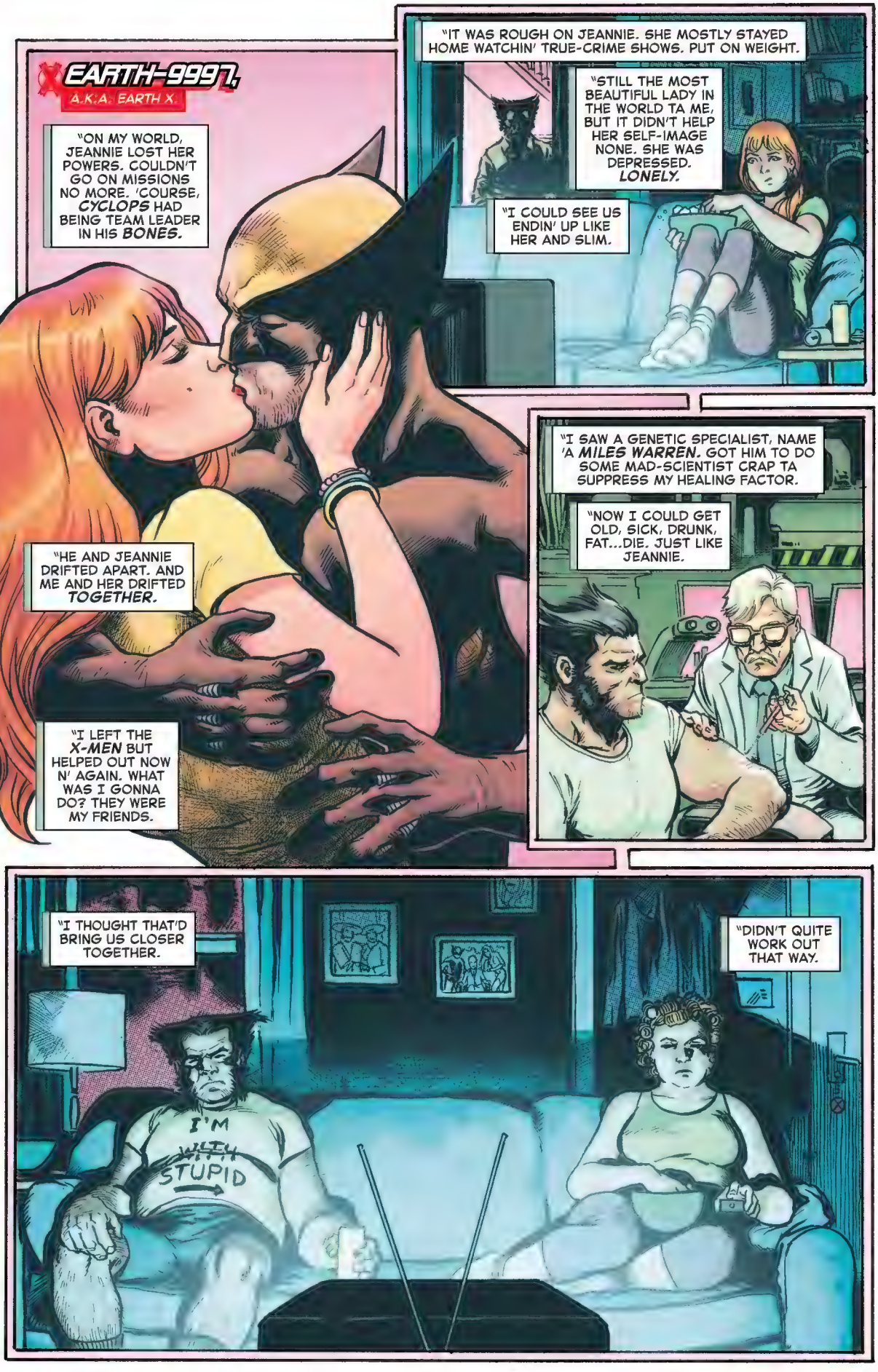
WE GOT 'IM.
ABOUT TIME YOU STOPPED FLAILING ABOUT LIKE A BARROOM DRUNK AND MADE YOURSELF USEFUL, BUDDY.
NOT SURE HOW USEFUL...

WE GOT MORE HEADED OUR WAY FROM INSIDE.
WOLVERINES, IT'S BEEN GOOD TA KNOW YA.
LET'S MAKE 'EM WORK FOR IT.

HEY! THERE YOU ALL ARE.
I BROUGHT THE CAVALRY, AND THEY ARE PECKISH.
SEEIN' AS YOU'RE, LIKE, THE BIG DADDY ZOMBIE, DOES THAT MEAN YOU CAN CONTROL THESE OTHER ONES?
OF COURSE NOT! WHAT THE HELL KINDA STUPID QUESTION IS--?
RIGHT. I SEE THE PROBLEM NOW.
PLEASED TO SEE YOU STILL FUNCTIONING.
IT SEEMS WE'RE THE ONLY NON-ONSLAUGHT, NON-ZOMBIE BEINGS LEFT ON THIS EARTH...
...SO WE SHOULD PROBABLY BE GOING.
I KNOW THIS SHOULDN'T BE MAKING ME HUNGRY.
QUIET. SO WHAT NOW?
WE GO BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED AND BEGIN SEARCHING AGAIN, UNTIL...

SOON.
I'VE FOUND ONSLAUGHT!
GET READY FOR DIMENSIONAL SHIFT NOW!
YEAH, THAT'S GONNA BE EASIER SAID THAN DONE, BOSS.
THE OLD MAN'S A MESS. SWEARS HE'S NEVER GONNA POP HIS CLAWS AGAIN, AND I BELIEVE HIM.
THE FAT ONE'S BARELY GOT A HEALING FACTOR LEFT. JANE'S EXHAUSTED. AND THE OTHER ONE'S AS LIKELY TO EAT US AS HELP US.
AND YOU, LOGAN? ARE YOU GIVING UP ON ME AFTER WHAT YOU JUST SAW?
I SAW A BUNCHA MISFIT LOSERS HELP EACH OTHER IN THE FACE 'A IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.
I SAW A WORLD THAT SHOULDA DIED SURVIVE...TWICE... BECAUSE A GUY A LOT LIKE ME AND A LADY I LOVE MADE SURE IT WOULD.
SO, NO. I AIN'T GIVIN' UP.
BUT ANY REASON WE NEED TO RUSH, INSTEAD 'A TAKIN' A DAY OR TWO TO GET RIGHT?
YES.
THE EARTH ONSLAUGHT'S TAKEN REFUGE ON...
...IS MY HOMEWORLD.

WEAPON X-MEN #2


EARTH-9997,
A.K.A. EARTH X.
"ON MY WORLD, JEANNIE LOST HER POWERS. COULDN'T GO ON MISSIONS NO MORE. 'COURSE, CYCLOPS HAD BEING TEAM LEADER IN HIS BONES.
"IT WAS ROUGH ON JEANNIE. SHE MOSTLY STAYED HOME WATCHIN' TRUE-CRIME SHOWS. PUT ON WEIGHT.
"STILL THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LADY IN THE WORLD TA ME, BUT IT DIDN'T HELP HER SELF-IMAGE NONE. SHE WAS DEPRESSED. LONELY.
"I COULD SEE US ENDIN' UP LIKE HER AND SLIM.
"HE AND JEANNIE DRIFTED APART. AND ME AND HER DRIFTED TOGETHER.
"I LEFT THE X-MEN BUT HELPED OUT NOW N' AGAIN. WHAT WAS I GONNA DO? THEY WERE MY FRIENDS.
"I SAW A GENETIC SPECIALIST, NAME 'A MILES WARREN. GOT HIM TO DO SOME MAD-SCIENTIST CRAP TA SUPPRESS MY HEALING FACTOR.
"NOW I COULD GET OLD, SICK, DRUNK, FAT...DIE. JUST LIKE JEANNIE.
"I THOUGHT THAT'D BRING US CLOSER TOGETHER.
I'M WITH STUPID
"DIDN'T QUITE WORK OUT THAT WAY.

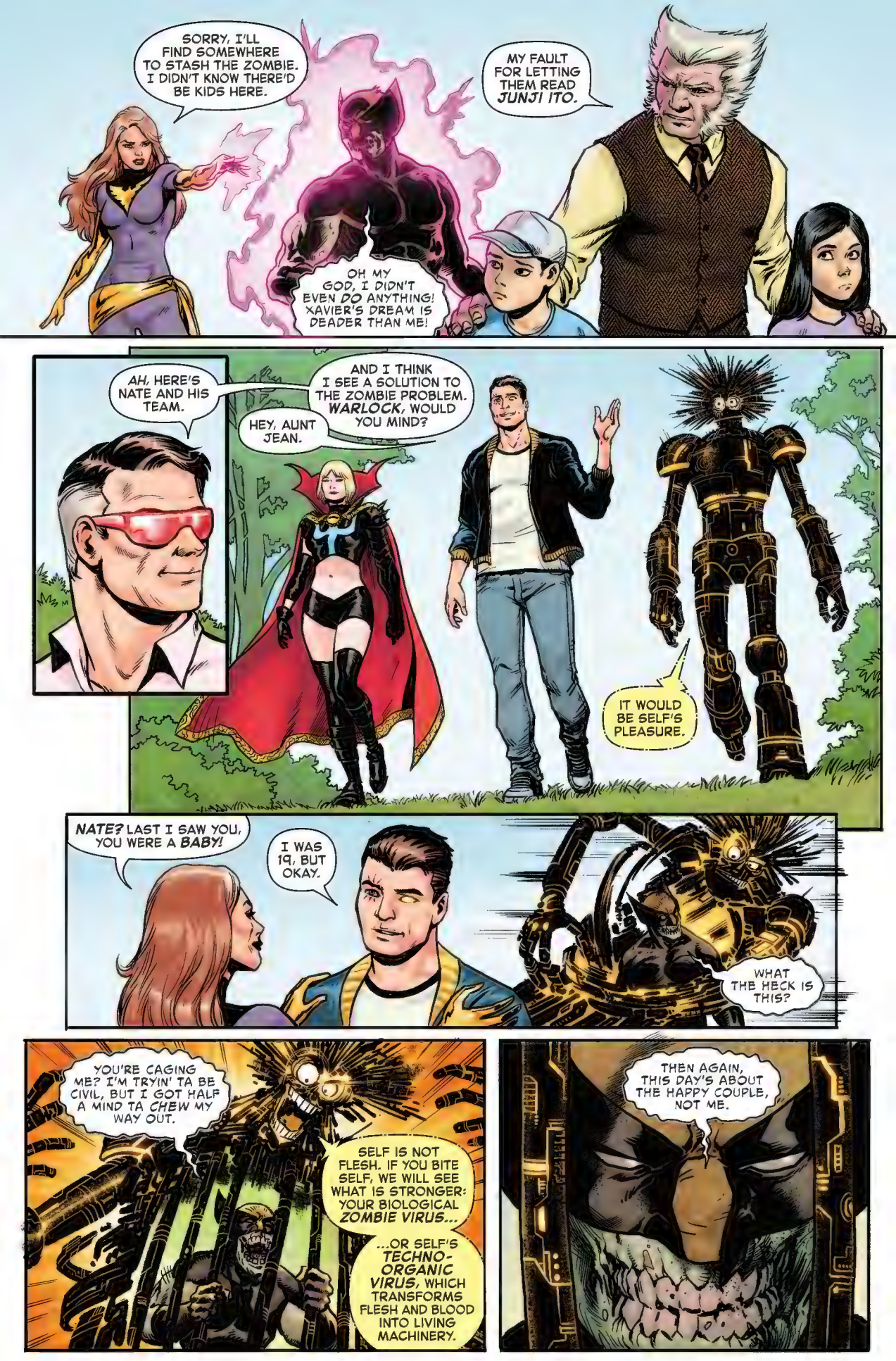
"NOW THAT I COULD GET KILLED, I STOPPED ANSWERIN' WHEN THE X-MEN CALLED.
"JEANNIE CALLED ME A *COWARD*. SHE DIDN'T SEE 'EM MUCH ANYMORE BUT DIDN'T WANT NOTHIN' BAD TO HAPPEN TO 'EM.
"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO *HER* IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO *ME*.
"SHE LOOKED DOWN ON ME FOR NOT HELPIN'. AND HATED *HERSELF* 'CAUSE, ON SOME LEVEL, SHE KNEW IT WAS 'CAUSE OF HER.
"I HATED *MY*SELF FOR NOT HELPIN' AND RESENTED HER FOR PUTTIN' ME IN THAT POSITION. EVEN THOUGH I MADE THE DAMN CHOICE.
"FINALLY, WE SPLIT UP. EXACTLY WHAT I'D DONE IT ALL TO AVOID."
RECKON THAT'S WHY *SUMMERS* WAS TEAM LEADER AND NOT ME, *EH?*
DAMNATION.
I'VE SPENT *MY WHOLE LIFE* TRYING TO AVOID GETTING SHACKLED TO A MAN.
NOW I MEET ALL THESE GROWN MEN WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE *ME*, AND YOU'RE ALL *COMPLETELY OBSESSED* WITH SOME LADY?
NO OFFENSE, BUB, BUT THAT'S *WEAK*.
YOU AIN'T WRONG, JANE.
I FIGURED BY BEIN' AROUND OTHERS LIKE ME, WHO'RE STILL THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT THEY DO, MAYBE I COULD GET THAT BACK.
INSTEAD, I SEEM TO 'VE RUBBED OFF ON *THEM*... MADE 'EM AS USELESS AS ME.
AND INSTEAD 'A FIGHTIN' A RIGHTEOUS BATTLE, I WATCHED A WHOLE WORLD *DIE* 'CAUSE WE COULDN'T SAVE IT.

THAT'S ENOUGH!
I DIDN'T ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF WOLVERINES FROM ALL OVER THE MULTIVERSE BECAUSE I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE EASY.
ONSLAUGHT FLED TO MY HOME-WORLD. WE'RE GOING TO FIND IT AND PUT AN END TO IT--NOW.
OLD MAN. I KNOW KILLING POSSESSED VERSIONS OF YOUR FRIENDS OPENED OLD WOUNDS.
BUT GETTING MORE OF US KILLED WON'T HELP.
I SAID I AIN'T POPPIN' MY CLAWS NO MORE, AN' I MEANT IT.
BUT DON'T WORRY--I'LL HOLD UP MY END.
WEAPON X IS FIELD LEADER. A FEW BILLION DEAD DOESN'T TURN HIM INTO A WEEPY GOTH.
ZOMBIE! WHAT'RE YOU EATING? MY POWER LETS YOU SURVIVE ON AMBIENT COSMIC ENERGY.
AN ARM FROM THAT LAST WORLD. TOTALLY NOT SOMEONE WE KNOW.
AND, HEY, THERE'S EATING TO SURVIVE VERSUS EATING FOR APPRECIATION.
JANE HOWLETT. YOU ALL RIGHT? I KNOW YOU DON'T SEE MUCH OF THIS IN 1909.
I'M FINE. HAD TO CLEAR A WHOLE TOWN OF SHUMA-GORATH'S KIDS ONCE. THAT WAS DIRTIER WORK THAN THIS.
AND YOU, EARTH X...
...JUST TRY TO KEEP UP, OKAY?
REALITY SHIFT IN FIVE...FOUR... THREE...

EARTH-80777.
AVENGERS MANSION.
I'VE SCANNED THE GLOBE USING STARK-FUJIKAWA EQUIPMENT, SHI'AR TECH, MAGIC, AND CEREBRO.
NO SIGN OF YOUR "ONSLAUGHT." IF IT'S HERE, IT'S WELL HIDDEN.
DANIELLE CAGE, A.K.A. CAPTAIN AMERICA.
THANKS, DANIELLE. ONSLAUGHT'S HERE, ALL RIGHT... I CAN FEEL ITS PRESENCE. BUT IT'S BEING SMART.
INSTEAD OF HIDING FROM ME, IT'S SCATTERING ITS MENTAL SIGNATURE PLANETWIDE. TOO HARD TO PIN DOWN.
WANT ME TO ASSEMBLE THE TEAM?
NO POINT UNTIL I FIND ONSLAUGHT.
ON OTHER EARTHS, ONSLAUGHT'S BEEN DRAWN TO ITS SOURCE PERSONALITIES. I WASN'T AVAILABLE, AND MAGNETO PASSED TWO YEARS AGO...
...WHICH LEAVES ONE LIKELY TARGET.
THINK IT'LL BE AWKWARD?
COME ON, DANI. WE'RE ADULTS. THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED, WHAT, 25 YEARS?
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON IT WOULD BE AWKWARD.

THE SUMMERS-PRYOR ESTATE,
UPSTATE NEW YORK.
YOU CAN CUT THE AWKWARD WITH AN ADAMANTIUM CLAW, EH?
SHH!
JEAN! SO GOOD TO SEE YOU.
SCOTT, MADELYNE. SORRY FOR THE SHORT NOTICE.
NOT AT ALL. MAKES ME FEEL YOUNG AGAIN.
WE HAVEN'T HAD A GLOBAL THREAT SINCE YOU TOOK DOWN THE LAST OF SINISTER'S CLONES.
NO OFFENSE TO DANI AND THE AVENGERS, BUT IT'S REALLY ALL BANK ROBBERIES AND NATURAL DISASTERS THESE DAYS.
MADELYNE. HOW ARE THE KIDS?
ASK THEM YOURSELF. THEY'RE ALL HERE.
IT'S AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY. OUR SON NATHANIEL IS MARRYING LOGAN AND MARIKO'S DAUGHTER AMIKO.
LOGAN?
IS HE IN JAPAN, OR--?
TRY BEHIND YA, RED.

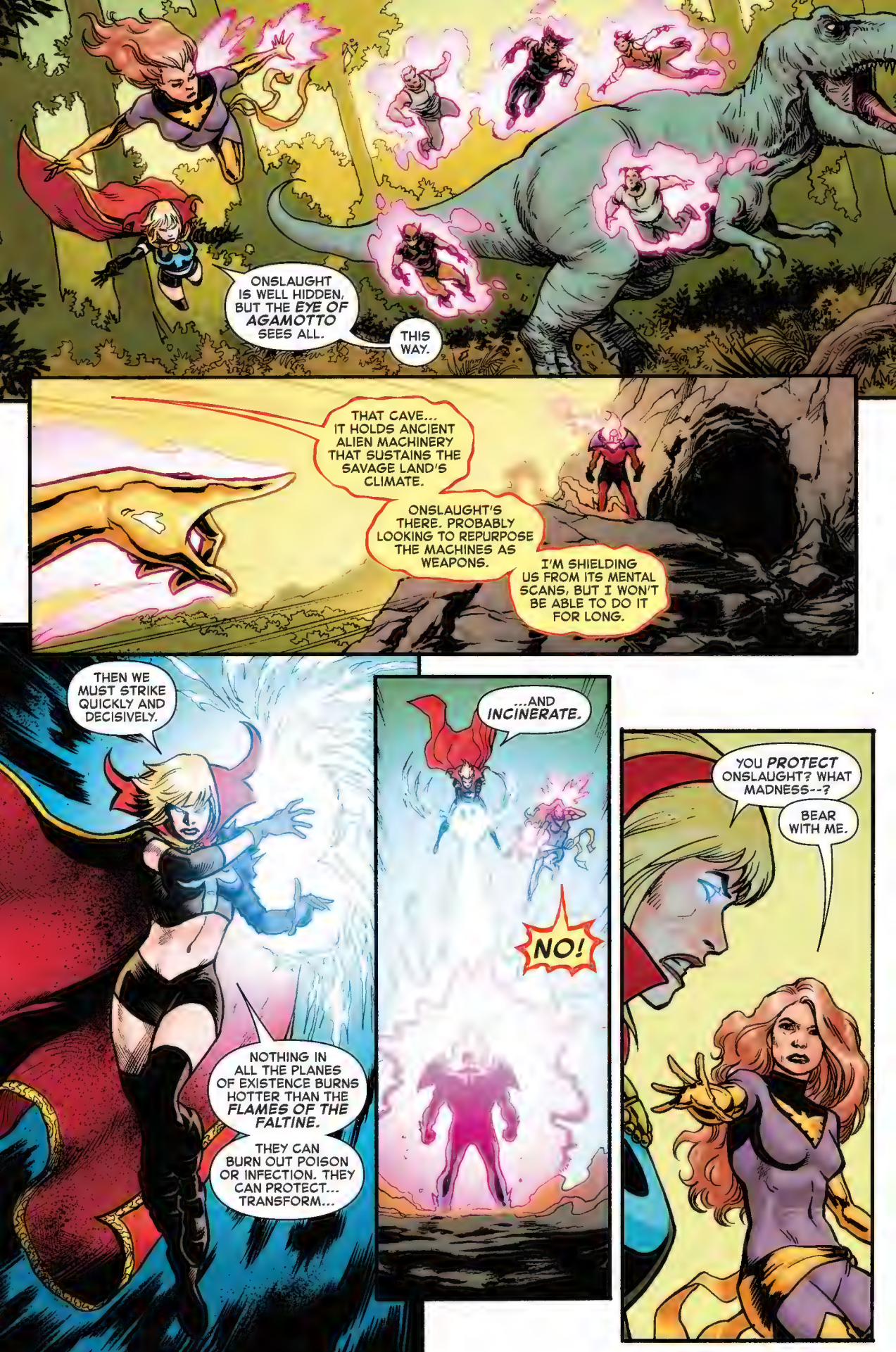
LONG TIME NO SEE.
I'M GONNA PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE THE KNOCKOFF VERSIONS 'A ME OVER THERE.
IS THAT DAD?
AS A ZOMBIE?
SHIRO. ELIZABETH. HUSH.
THOSE... ARE THE KIDS WE WOULDA HAD WITH MARIKO.
THEY LOOK...
DELICIOUS.
LORD SAVE US ALL.
ARE YOU REALLY DEAD?
DO YOU HAVE A HEALING FACTOR LIKE DADDY? HOW COULD YOU BECOME A ZOMBIE?
ALL GREAT QUESTIONS! COME TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELVES. DON'T BE SHY.


SORRY, I'LL FIND SOMEWHERE TO STASH THE ZOMBIE. I DIDN'T KNOW THERE'D BE KIDS HERE.
MY FAULT FOR LETTING THEM READ JUNJI ITO.
OH MY GOD, I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING! XAVIER'S DREAM IS DEADER THAN ME!
AH, HERE'S NATE AND HIS TEAM.
HEY, AUNT JEAN.
AND I THINK I SEE A SOLUTION TO THE ZOMBIE PROBLEM. WARLOCK, WOULD YOU MIND?
IT WOULD BE SELF'S PLEASURE.
NATE? LAST I SAW YOU, YOU WERE A BABY!
I WAS 19, BUT OKAY.
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
YOU'RE CAGING ME? I'M TRYIN' TA BE CIVIL, BUT I GOT HALF A MIND TA CHEW MY WAY OUT.
SELF IS NOT FLESH. IF YOU BITE SELF, WE WILL SEE WHAT IS STRONGER: YOUR BIOLOGICAL ZOMBIE VIRUS...
...OR SELF'S TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS, WHICH TRANSFORMS FLESH AND BLOOD INTO LIVING MACHINERY.
THEN AGAIN, THIS DAY'S ABOUT THE HAPPY COUPLE, NOT ME.

EVERY NOW AND THEN, HIS ROTTING BRAIN'S RIGHT. SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE SPECIAL DAY.
IF I COULD JUST CONFER WITH LOGAN, SCOTT, AND *MAGIK* FOR A MOMENT?
OF COURSE.
JUST BE A MINUTE.
NO MISSIONS.
WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT.
YOU OKAY, BUB?
NO.
NO, CLEARLY I AIN'T.

NO, NOTHING UNUSUAL HERE.
AND I THINK WE'D HAVE NOTICED, BETWEEN NATE'S PSYCHIC POWERS AND THE SORCERESS SUPREME.
PERHAPS IF YOU AND I COMBINED OUR ABILITIES, PHOENIX?
NOT A BAD IDEA.
THERE. FINALLY, I CAN TRACE ONSLAUGHT'S ENERGY BACK TO ITS SOURCE.
THE SAVAGE LAND.
YOU WANT US TO COME? WE CAN STALL THE WIVES A LITTLE.
NO THANKS, SCOTT.
NO OFFENSE, BUT IF MAGIK AND I CAN'T HANDLE ONSLAUGHT, YOU AND LOGAN WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.
SAVAGE. BUT TRUE.
HEY, WAIT. THEN WHY ARE WE GOING?
YOU'LL SEE.

HRRAAUGH!
TRY NOT TO KILL 'EM. WE'VE INVADED THEIR HOME.
DINOSAUR DUTY. HUMILIATIN'.
I THINK YOU MEAN "WONDERFUL"! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING!
CLOSE THAT MOUTH, PUNK! WE DON'T NEED ZOMBIE DINOSAURS!
RELAX, I'M A HUMATARIAN. THAT'S LIKE A PESCATARIAN, BUT INSTEAD 'A FISH, I EAT PEOPLE.


ONSLAUGHT IS WELL HIDDEN, BUT THE *EYE OF AGAMOTTO* SEES ALL.
THIS WAY.
THAT CAVE... IT HOLDS ANCIENT ALIEN MACHINERY THAT SUSTAINS THE SAVAGE LAND'S CLIMATE.
ONSLAUGHT'S THERE. PROBABLY LOOKING TO REPURPOSE THE MACHINES AS WEAPONS.
I'M SHIELDING US FROM ITS MENTAL SCANS, BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT FOR LONG.
THEN WE MUST STRIKE QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY.
NOTHING IN ALL THE PLANES OF EXISTENCE BURNS HOTTER THAN THE *FLAMES OF THE FALTINE.*
THEY CAN BURN OUT POISON OR INFECTION. THEY CAN PROTECT... TRANSFORM...
...AND *INCINERATE.*
NO!
YOU *PROTECT* ONSLAUGHT? WHAT MADNESS--?
BEAR WITH ME.

I JUST NOTICED ONSLAUGHT HASN'T MOVED OR CHANGED POSITION.
AND IF I'M RIGHT, IN THIS CASE...
...A DECOY.
IT'S A BEING OF PURE THOUGHT...A CONSCIOUSNESS. ITS BODY IS JUST A CONSTRUCT.
EMPTY.
IF WE'D SMOKED ONSLAUGHT FROM A DISTANCE, WE'D HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS TOAST. EXACTLY WHAT IT WANTED.
WE GOTTA FIND OUT WHERE ITS MIND IS HIDING.
AN ARROGANT CREATURE TO PRESUME TO TRICK THE SORCERESS SUPREME.
BUT EVERY BODY HAS A LINK TO ITS CONSCIOUSNESS. IT'S SIMPLE TO TRACE THE ASTRAL CORD--
WAIT!
SHLAKK
GHHAAAGHH!

IS SHE ALIVE?
IF NOT, DIBS ON THE LEGS.
I SAID "IF," BEFORE EVERYONE GOES BALLISTIC.
SHE'S SUFFERED SEVERE PSYCHIC TRAUMA. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WAIT FOR HER TO RECOVER.
ONSLAUGHT PLAYED US. IT WAS AFRAID OF MAGIK, SO IT SET A TRAP, AND WE WALKED INTO IT.
BUT I CAUGHT A FLASH OF MAGIK'S MIND BEFORE IT SHUT DOWN. A GENERAL LOCATION.
HANG ON. YOU DIDN'T JOIN US ON THE LAST WORLD BECAUSE 'A THE RISK OF ONSLAUGHT STEALING YOUR PHOENIX FORCE. WITHOUT THE SORCERESS--
THIS IS MY HOME. I'M NOT ABANDONING IT.
FOR ALL ITS TRICKS, ONSLAUGHT'S PREDICTABLE. WE WERE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.
ONSLAUGHT WENT SOMEWHERE FAMILIAR.
TO NATE AND AMIKO.
NOW PLEASE JOIN US OUTSIDE ON THIS BEAUTIFUL NIGHT FOR DRINKS, DESSERT, AND DANCING.
AND ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE...
...ON THIS DAY WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

YOUR GRANDFATHER SENDS HIS LOVE. HE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE HERE FOR THE WEDDING, ALONG WITH ALEX AND LORNA.
I HOPE HE DOESN'T FEEL LEFT OUT. I KNOW WE KIND OF SPRANG THIS ON EVERYONE.
THAT'S PRACTICALLY A SUMMERS FAMILY TRADITION.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE'RE ALL *TOGETHER* WHEN IT COUNTS.
GET YOUR HANDS OFF HIM, ONSLAUGHT!
JEAN, WHAT THE *HELL--?*

AUNT JEAN, WHAT'S GOING ON?
ONSLAUGHT'S HIDING IN YOUR MOM. I SHOULD'VE GUESSED. GENETICALLY, SHE AND I ARE IDENTICAL.
THIS IS INSANE!
JEANNIE, LET'S TAKE A BREATH. MY SENSES AREN'T PICKING UP ANYTHING.
OF COURSE NOT. ONSLAUGHT'S AS POWERFUL A PSYCHIC AS ME.
IT WAS BLOCKING ITS PRESENCE, BUT NOW THAT I KNOW, I CAN PINPOINT--
WAIT.
OH NO--
OH YES.
ON MY WORLD, I ONLY PRETENDED TO BE THE PHOENIX.
NOW, BY THREATENING YOUR HOME, MAKING YOU CARELESS...
...I'VE TRICKED YOU INTO DELIVERING THE GREATEST POWER IN THE UNIVERSE INTO MY HANDS!
NNAAAGGHH!

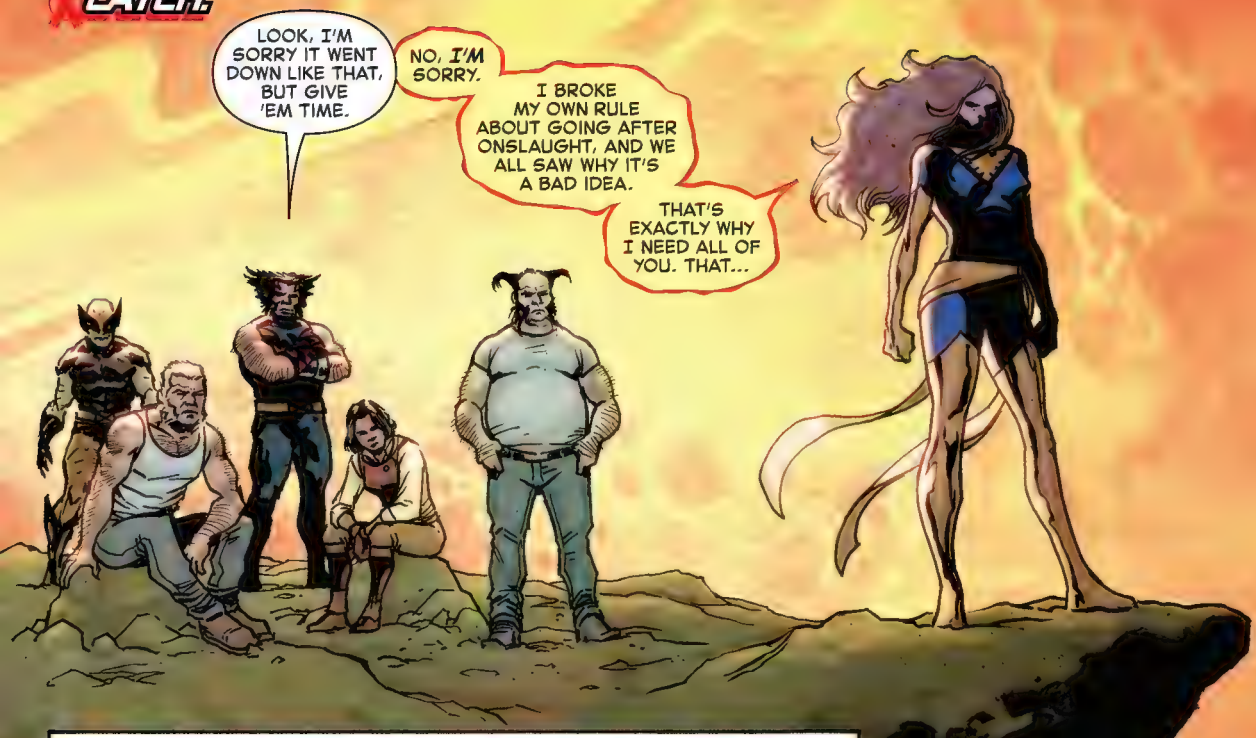
GET OFF HER, YA--
NO!
IDIOT!
DO YOU WANT ONSLAUGHT TO KILL US ALL?

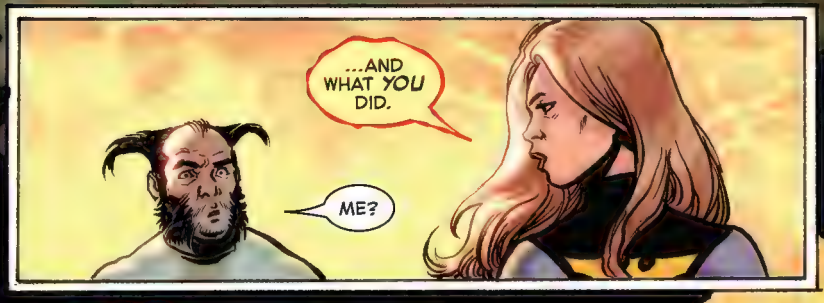
ALARM! NOT TO HURT CYCLOPS!
TOO MANY ANOMALIES! SELF IS CONFUSED!
JOIN THE CLUB, AUTOMATON!
THEY SAY ALL I EVER THINK ABOUT IS EATING.
WHY NOT, WHEN IT SOLVES SO MANY PROBLEMS?
SNIKT!
NOT THIS ONE.
THE KID'S AS GOOD AS DEAD. IT'S HIM OR EVERYONE.
HATE TA SAY IT, BUT HE'S RIGHT. YOU KNOW IT TOO.
I KNOW YOU AIN'T LAYIN' A HAND ON MY SON-IN-LAW. WE'LL HANDLE THIS.
ALL YOU'RE GONNA HANDLE IS GETTIN' THIS WHOLE WORLD DESTROYED!

SNIKT
GHAAAGH!
GET AWAY FROM MY FIANCÉ!
AAGHH!
SHNK

NATE!
JEAN, HEAL HIM! OR TELEPORT HIM TO SOMEONE WHO CAN!
TOO...WEAK. I CAN CLOSE THE WOUND, BUT...
LOGAN--?
KID'S LOST A LOTTA BLOOD. WITH ONSLAUGHT GONE, HE AIN'T GONNA MAKE IT WITHOUT HELP.
NO, GOD, PLEASE-- SOMEONE DO SOMETHING!
PERHAPS SELF CAN HELP.
BY TURNING HIM INTO A TECHNO-ORGANIC ZOMBIE? THAT'S WORSE!
SELFFRIEND NATHAN'S POWER CAN HOLD BACK THE TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS.
BUT SELF MUST ACT NOW...BEFORE THE LIFESPARK FADES FOREVER.

YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'LL MEND. THE FAT WORKED IN MY FAVOR FOR ONCE.
AND CONTRARY TO WHAT PEOPLE THINK, I DO HAVE SOME HEALING FACTOR LEFT.
WORRY ABOUT THE KID--
AAAAGGHH! IT HURTS!
AND IT ALWAYS WILL, I'M AFRAID.
BUT YOUR POWERS CAN MAKE IT BEARABLE. I'LL TEACH YOU--
NO!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH!
GO... PLEASE...AND DON'T COME BACK!
I'M SORRY, JEAN. BUT I AGREE.
YOU LED ONSLAUGHT HERE. WE CAN'T RISK THAT AGAIN.
PROBABLY FOR THE BEST, JEANNIE.
WE KNOW YA MEANT WELL, BUT--
OF COURSE. I... UNDERSTAND.
WOLVERINES, WITH ME. UNTIL I CAN TELEPORT AGAIN...WE WALK.


LOOK, I'M SORRY IT WENT DOWN LIKE THAT, BUT GIVE 'EM TIME.
NO, I'M SORRY.
I BROKE MY OWN RULE ABOUT GOING AFTER ONSLAUGHT, AND WE ALL SAW WHY IT'S A BAD IDEA.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I NEED ALL OF YOU. THAT...


...AND WHAT YOU DID.
ME?

I BROUGHT YOU ALL HERE BECAUSE WHEN THINGS ARE HARDEST, YOU--THE FIVE OF YOU SPECIFICALLY--WILL MAKE THE HARD CHOICE.
THAT'S WHAT WOLVERINE HAS ALWAYS DONE. AND IT'S WHAT YOU JUST SHOWED YOU DO BETTER THAN ANYONE.

YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS AT IT.

ENOUGH WALLOWING. WE'RE SEVERAL STEPS BEHIND ONSLAUGHT.
I'LL GET TO WORK FINDING WHERE IT'S GONE NOW...

ANOTHER UNIVERSE.
ENOUGH.
ENOUGH!
NO MORE HIDING. NO MORE SCHEMING. NO MORE INCREMENTAL STEPS.
I HAVE POWER ENOUGH. IT'S TIME I USE IT.
THE HALF OF ME THAT WAS MAGNETO DREAMED OF MUTANT RULE.
THE HALF OF ME THAT WAS JEAN GREY FEARED DEATH, AFTER SEEING IT SO YOUNG, AND FOUGHT IT ALL HER LIFE.
THIS WORLD WILL BE THE REALIZATION OF BOTH DREAMS.
IT IS HERE, ON THIS EARTH...
...THAT I SHALL MAKE MUTANTS IMMORTAL!

WEAPON X-MEN #3

BETWEEN WORLDS.
PHOENIX STILL TRYING TO FIND ONSLAUGHT, IS SHE? THEN I SUPPOSE IT'S MY TURN FOR AN ORIGIN STORY.
I WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY CANADIAN FAMILY IN 1885. MY FATHER WAS JOHN, MY MOTHER ELIZABETH.
WE HAD A SURLY, DRUNKEN GROUNDSKEEPER, THOMAS LOGAN, WHOSE SON WAS NICKNAMED "DOG." I EXPECT THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR.
YEAH. AND A RED-HAIRED TUTOR/COMPANION BY THE NAME 'A ROSE.
WHAT? NO. I DON'T KNOW ANY ROSE.
WOLVERINE OF EARTH-807128 A.K.A. OLD MAN LOGAN.
WEAPON X OF EARTH-295, A.K.A. THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE.
I DID.
"WELL, I WAS BUSY BEING TAUGHT ALL THE THINGS A LADY OF SOCIETY MUST KNOW, SO PERHAPS THERE WASN'T ROOM FOR PAID FRIENDS.
"MY ONLY PLAYMATE WAS DOG, WHEN WE WERE SMALL. BUT SOON, I WAS ORDERED NOT TO ASSOCIATE WITH HIM ANY LONGER.
"I UNDERSTAND NOW THERE WAS CONCERN ROMANTIC FEELINGS MIGHT DEVELOP. AND WITH US BEING OF DIFFERENT STATIONS, THAT WOULD NEVER DO.
"POOR DOG. LEFT ALONE WITH HIS FATHER AND HIS BEATINGS, HE BECAME ANGRY...HOSTILE. AND I CAN SCARCELY BLAME HIM.
"MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME THAT, WHILE IT WAS A MAN'S WORLD, I MUST DO ALL I COULD TO ENSURE I NEED NEVER RELY UPON A MAN.
"IN ADDITION TO POETRY, DANCING, AND DEPORTMENT, I LEARNED HISTORY, FINANCE, AND SELF-DEFENSE.
"BUT EVEN MOTHER SAID I MUST TAKE AN APPROPRIATE HUSBAND. SHE ADVISED ONE OLD AND SICKLY.
"BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO MARRY. I SAID AS MUCH TO DOG WHEN I RAN INTO HIM AT THE STABLES.
"YET ANOTHER MISTAKE WITH REGARD TO HIM.

"DOG AND THOMAS LOGAN SNUCK IN THAT NIGHT, ARMED, TO ABDUCT ME.
"THEY DIDN'T INTEND TO HARM ME. THEIR GOAL WAS MERELY TO SULLY MY REPUTATION SUCH THAT NO RESPECTABLE MAN WOULD HAVE ME.
"I'D BE FREE TO MARRY DOG, MAKING HIS FATHER RICH.
"I MADE IT QUITE CLEAR I WOULD NOT WED DOG SHOULD THEY CARRY OUT THEIR MAD PLAN.
"DOG WAS SHOCKED. THOMAS WAS LIVID. I WAS LOUD.
"FATHER HEARD AND RUSHED IN.
"I BELIEVE DOG WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP, HAD HE BEEN ALONE. OR PERHAPS THAT'S JUST WHAT I TELL MYSELF.
"THOMAS-- DRUNK, OF COURSE--DID NOT. HE AND FATHER STRUGGLED FOR THE GUN. MOTHER INTERVENED.
"AND IN A MOMENT, I BECAME AN ORPHAN.
"I WAS BESIDE MYSELF. THOMAS SEIZED ME AND MADE TO CARRY ME OFF.
"I RESPONDED INSTINCTIVELY.
SNIKT

"I KILLED THOMAS. SCARRED DOG, WHO FLED INTO THE NIGHT.
"BY THE TIME THE SERVANTS ARRIVED, MY CLAWS HAD RETREATED INTO MY HANDS. AND, AS MY MOTHER HAD TAUGHT ME, I TOOK HOLD OF MYSELF.
"I SNATCHED UP A LETTER OPENER, STAINED IT WITH LOGAN'S BLOOD, AND TOLD EVERYONE I'D STABBED HIM AVENGING MY PARENTS AND DEFENDING MY HONOR.
"THE LETTER OPENER WAS SCARCELY SHARP ENOUGH TO DO THE DAMAGE MY CLAWS HAD. BUT I WAS RICH, AND HE WAS POOR. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED.
"AND JUST LIKE THAT, I INHERITED THE FAMILY FORTUNE. NOW I HAD NO NEED TO MARRY...OR DO ANYTHING ELSE I DIDN'T WISH TO."
"I HAD THE FREEDOM I'D PRAYED FOR. AND ALL IT COST ME *WAS EVERYONE I'D EVER LOVED.*"
JANE HOWLETT OF EARTH-1281.

I LOST MY MEMORY OF KILLIN' THOMAS AND THE CLAWS. ROSE SAID IT WAS A KINDA MENTAL MANIFESTATION OF MY HEALIN' FACTOR.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR GRANDFATHER? WOULDN'T HE INHERIT?
GRANDFATHER HAD DIED BY THEN. AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF SUPPRESSING MY MEMORY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
BEIN' FILTHY RICH, A LIFE 'A ADVENTURE...SOUNDS LIKE SHE GOT THE BETTER DEAL.
BEATS CAGE FIGHTIN' AND WORKIN' IN THE QUARRY ALL HOLLOW.
YOU OLD ASSES! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WENT THROUGH TO GET WHAT I HAVE.
OR WHAT I'VE HAD TO DO TO KEEP IT!
A THOUSAND PARDONS, MILADY.
YOU THINK I'M SOFT, DON'T YOU? YOU THINK I CAN'T STAND AMONG THE REST OF YOU?
COME ON, THEN. LET'S FIND OUT.
SNIKT
EASY, I DIDN'T MEAN--
MY FAULT. YOU'VE GONE TOO LONG WITHOUT ANY ACTION.

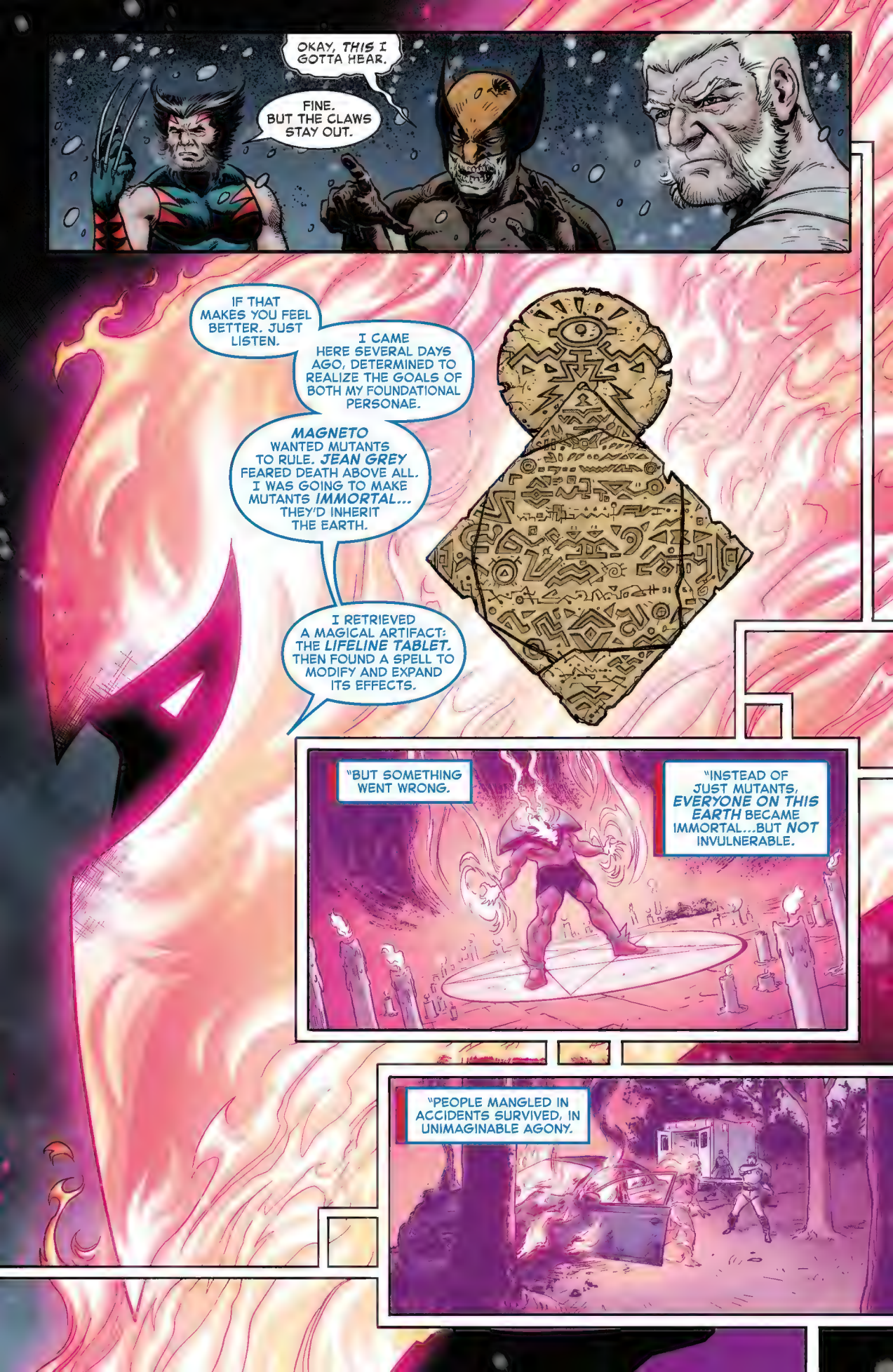
THANKFULLY, I'VE LOCATED ONSLAUGHT.
IT'S ON AN EARTH SIMILAR TO MINE, BUT WITH FEW HEROES OR VILLAINS.
PLENTY OF MUTANTS. THE WHOLE COSTUME THING JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT ON.
SOUNDS LIKE AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET FOR ONSLAUGHT.
YEAH. BUFFET. THAT WOULD BE... TRAGIC.
NEITHER ONE OF YOU ARE STUFFING YOURSELVES. GO THERE, STOP ONSLAUGHT, CALL ME IF YOU NEED TO.
ZOMBIE WOLVERINE OF EARTH-2149.
BUT BE CAREFUL. ONSLAUGHT'S BEEN THERE AWHILE. IT'S HAD TIME TO HIDE... SET TRAPS.
BE READY FOR ANYTHING.
WHZZAAMM
EARTH-31974.
HELLO.
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE.
ONSLAUGHT!

DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.
OR I'LL TWIST YOUR ADAMANTIUM BONES INTO--
AAUGH!!
WHO DID THAT?
DON'T MATTER. IT'S A GIFT.
LET'S TEAR IT OPEN.
WOLVERINE OF EARTH-9997 A.K.A. EARTH-X.

OKAY, ONSLAUGHT.
LET'S HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART.
I CAN REALLY BITE?
YOU CAN REALLY BITE.
MMMM--SWEET!
CHOMP

PFAH!
TASTES LIKE NOTHIN'! WITH A SIDE 'A KALE!
WOM-M
IDIOTS.
I'M A BEING OF PURE THOUGHT.
NO BODY TO WOUND. NO BLOOD TO INFECT.
BUT YOU ARE FLESH AND BRAIN AND METAL.
MERE TOYS TO ME!

SPREAD OUT! ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES!
GO BERSERKER IF YA CAN! NO CONSCIOUS MIND MEANS NOTHIN' FER ONSLAUGHT TA READ!
ENOUGH!
TRUCE!
ON MY WORD OF HONOR, I CALL A HALT TO THE FIGHT. I ONLY WANT TO TALK.
EVEN IF WE BELIEVED YA, WHY WOULD WE WANNA TALK TA YOU?
BECAUSE...
...I NEED YOUR HELP.


OKAY, THIS I GOTTA HEAR.
FINE. BUT THE CLAWS STAY OUT.
IF THAT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER. JUST LISTEN.
I CAME HERE SEVERAL DAYS AGO, DETERMINED TO REALIZE THE GOALS OF BOTH MY FOUNDATIONAL PERSONAE.
MAGNETO WANTED MUTANTS TO RULE. JEAN GREY FEARED DEATH ABOVE ALL. I WAS GOING TO MAKE MUTANTS IMMORTAL... THEY'D INHERIT THE EARTH.
I RETRIEVED A MAGICAL ARTIFACT: THE LIFELINE TABLET. THEN FOUND A SPELL TO MODIFY AND EXPAND ITS EFFECTS.
"BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG.
"INSTEAD OF JUST MUTANTS, EVERYONE ON THIS EARTH BECAME IMMORTAL...BUT NOT INVULNERABLE.
"PEOPLE MANGLED IN ACCIDENTS SURVIVED, IN UNIMAGINABLE AGONY.

"THE PAIN OF THOSE WITH TERMINAL DISEASES WILL NEVER END. THE INFIRMITIES OF AGE WILL GO ON FOREVER.
"EVERY DAY, MORE MINDS CRY OUT, BEGGING FOR RELEASE THAT CAN NEVER COME.
"IT IS...MORE THAN I CAN BEAR.
"JEAN GREY'S FORMATIVE MEMORY WAS OF HER BEST FRIEND ANNIE DYING AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR. SHARING HER MIND AS SHE PASSED.
"AND THE YOUNG MAGNETO SURVIVED THE HORRORS OF THE HOLOCAUST.
"TO FEEL THIS PAIN--CONSTANT, EVER-GROWING... IT CRIPPLES ME."
SOUNDS TA ME LIKE YOU GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED. AND SOLVED OUR PROBLEM AT THE SAME TIME.
WHY THE HELL WOULD WE WANNA HELP YOU?
BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'LL CONDEMN AN ENTIRE PLANET OF INNOCENTS TO AN ETERNITY OF PAIN.
AND BECAUSE THIS WASN'T JUST A MISTAKE. SOMEONE INTERFERED WITH MY SPELL...AND STOLE THE LIFELINE TABLET.
WHATEVER THEIR PLANS FOR IT, AND THIS WORLD, THEY CAN'T BE GOOD.

RECKON BIG RED'S GOT A POINT. OKAY, LET'S SAY WE--
LET'S SAY NOTHING.
WE'VE DESTROYED ONE WORLD TO STOP YOU, ONSLAUGHT. WHAT'S ONE MORE?
I COULD JUST LEAVE THIS WORLD TO ITS FATE.
THEN WHY HAVEN'T YOU? MY GUESS IS YOU'RE IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO FOCUS.
YOU'RE STUCK HERE...OR PERHAPS THE PAIN WILL FOLLOW YOU.
REGARDLESS, IF WE HELP, IT'S ON OUR TERMS.
...
AND WHAT MIGHT THOSE BE?
I WARN YOU--DON'T PRESUME TOO MUCH. PAIN OR NOT, I'D DERIVE SATISFACTION FROM KILLING YOU AND RECRUITING PAWNS FROM THIS WORLD.
YOU NEVER AGAIN ENTER, HARM, NOR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH ANY OF OUR HOME DIMENSIONS.
PHOENIX'S INCLUDED.
...
FINE. IF YOU HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN.
HERE'S A FRAGMENT OF THE LIFELINE STONE. MAYBE YOUR ENHANCED SENSES CAN TRACK IT.
HURRY NOW. MY PATIENCE IS NOT WITHOUT LIMITS.

BOSTON, MA.
EARTH-31974
PRETTY FANCY AREA, FOR A THIEF. BUT THIS IS WHERE THE SCENT LEADS.
OKAY, ARE WE JUST NOT GONNA TALK ABOUT THE BRASS ONES ON JANE?
COME ON, KID--WOULD YOU REALLY HAVE LET THIS WHOLE PLANET SUFFER?
IF I HAD TO. YOU CAN'T BLUFF A TELEPATH.
ONSLAUGHT WOULD'VE KEPT LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION. I WASN'T ABOUT TO LET US BE THE ONES TO PROVIDE IT WITHOUT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.
WAIT. I'M PICKING UP A FAMILIAR SCENT...
BLOODSTONE MANOR
BLOODSTONE?
ULYSSES BLOODSTONE?

SAME ONE I'D KNOW?
LONG BLOND HAIR, SAFARI JACKET, IMMORTAL, HUNTS MONSTERS?
YES. RED GEM EMBEDDED IN HIS CHEST THAT KEEPS HIM FROM AGING.
I'VE... CROSSED PATHS WITH HIM A TIME OR TWO.
"STARTED WHEN HE CAME NORTH HUNTING THE WENDIGO AND NEARLY HAD THE STONE TORN FROM HIS BODY.
"I NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH, AND WE DEALT WITH THE BEAST TOGETHER.
"WE SHARED SOME FURTHER ADVENTURES AFTER THAT."

OH YEAH?
SOUNDS TA ME LIKE THERE WAS MORE 'N JUST TEAM-UPS GOIN' ON.
BE OFF WITH YOU. THIS IS GOOD NEWS.
IF ULYSSES TOOK THE TABLET, WE'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO AN ACCOMMODATION.
DOES THAT "ACCOMMODATION" INVOLVE A FEW ROUNDS 'A STRIP POKER?
OUCH.
QUIET. IN FACT, THAT'S A GOOD RULE OF THUMB FOR OUR APPROACH.
NO GUARANTEE THIS BLOODSTONE IS ANYTHING LIKE THE ONES WE KNEW.
I GROW WEARY OF WAITING, BLOODSTONE.
WHEN CAN WE FEED?
WHEN WE'VE DEALT WITH ONSLAUGHT, HAVE PATIENCE...

...DRACULA.
HE'S RIGHT, VAMPIRE. WE ARE ALL IMMORTAL. IF THERE'S ONE THING WE NEED NOT BE, IT'S *RUSHED.*
DRACULA MOVES AT HIS OWN WHIM, *SELENE.* AND DOES NOT GO HUNGRY OUT OF FEAR OF A MAD *ALIEN.*
IN ANOTHER DAY, PERHAPS TWO, WE'LL FEED TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT.
WASN'T THAT THE WHOLE POINT OF SEIZING THE LIFELINE TABLET?
AN ENTIRE WORLD OF PREY THAT CANNOT DIE! YOU MAY DRINK THEIR BLOOD, I THEIR LIFE FORCE...
...AND OUR FRIEND *ULLUXY'L* THEIR *SANITY,* OR WHATEVER SATES HIS APPETITES.
I UNDERSTAND, DRACULA. IT TOOK ME *MILLENNIA* TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THIS CAVE DWELLER'S BODY. I TOO AM EAGER.
BUT IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF OUR CAREFULLY LAID PLANS WERE TO GO AWRY AT THIS LATE HOUR.

NOW, THAT'S AN ENTRANCE LINE!
A ZUVEMBIE?
THE HELL DID YOU CALL ME?

DID BLACK TALON SEND YOU?
OF COURSE! IF NO ONE DIES, HE LACKS UNDEAD SERVANTS!
HEY, I AIN'T THE HELP FOR NOBODY, PAL!

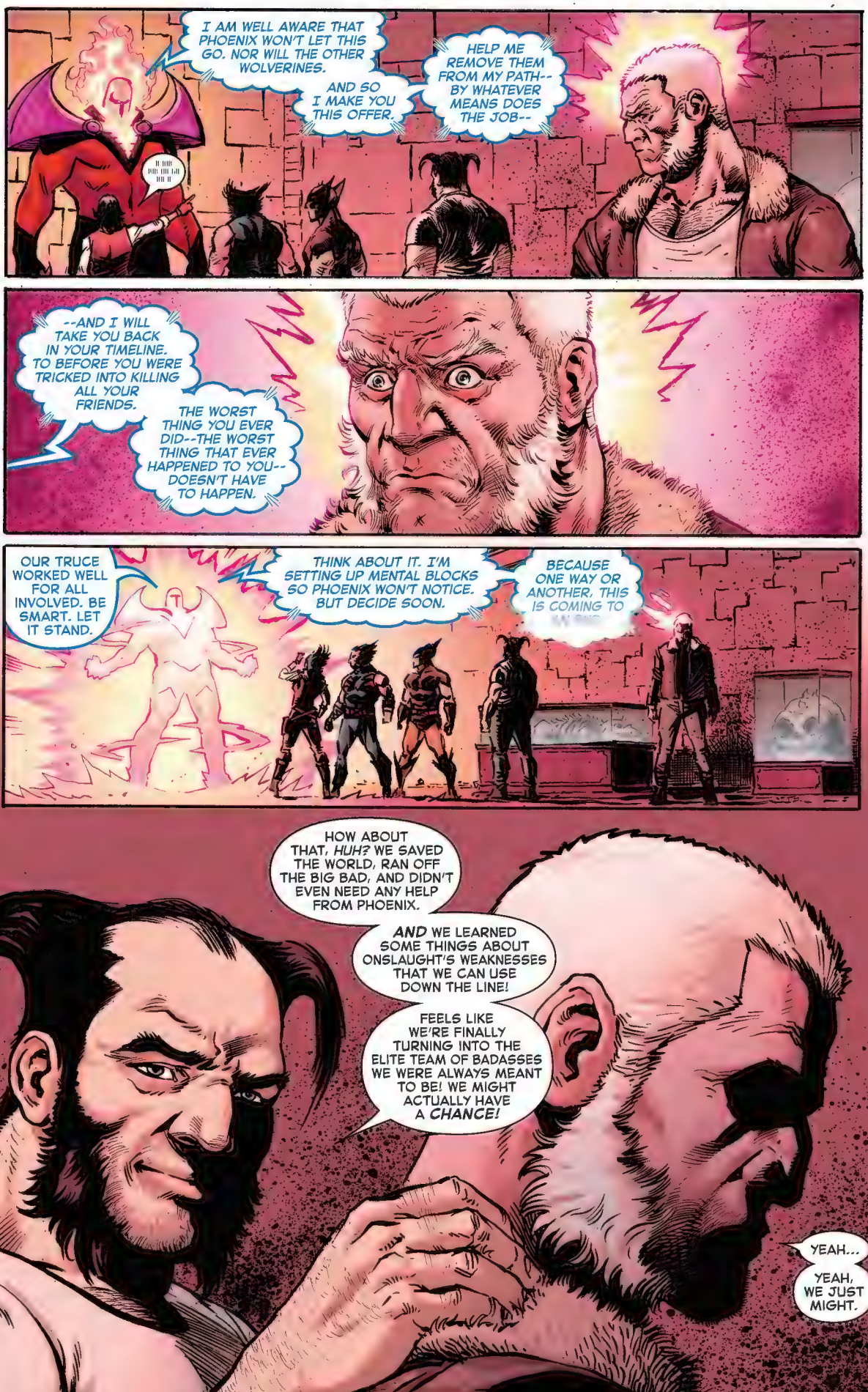
FASCINATING.
AN ENTIRE CLAN OF CREATURES LIKE THE CANADIAN WOLVERINE-MAN BLOODSTONE KILLED IN 1912.
UNGH!

AND YOU'RE NOT ULYSSES BLOODSTONE.
YOU'RE THE DEMON THAT LIVES IN HIS GEM!
ELDER GOD, PLEASE. I DESPISE DEMONS. THEY'RE BENEATH ME.
AS ARE YOU.
I BELIEVE I'LL SLAY YOU WITH THE BONES OF YOUR ANCESTOR.
KSSHH
AHH, SUCH LIFE FORCE IN THESE TWO!
DRACULA, I THINK I'VE FOUND THE ANSWER TO YOUR HUNGER PROBLEM.
DAMMIT! GET IT TOGETHER, PEOPLE!

STRANGE. I FEEL... A CONNECTION BETWEEN YOU AND THIS BODY. PERHAPS IN ANOTHER WORLD...
IT'S TRUE. I KNOW THE ULYSSES BLOODSTONE OF MY WORLD.
LIKE YOU, THE BLOODSTONE MAKES HIM STRONG AND DURABLE. BUT HIS BODY COULD FEEL PLEASURE...
...AND PAIN.
AAAGHH!
SOMETHING I BET YOU'RE NOT USED TO.
KNUCH
GNNAAA!
IT'S SO INTENSE! SO... MORTAL!
I-- I CANNOT ABIDE THIS...
I ALREADY KNOW ONE, LOVE.
I'M SORRY.
SNIKT
TH...THANK YOU. ULLUXY'L HAS RETREATED BACK INTO THE STONE.
THIS IS MY FAULT. I'VE GROWN WEAK AND CARELESS WITH TIME.
BUT AT LAST, I FEEL HOPE... THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN FIND A WAY TO END ULLUXY'L FOREVER.

I COULD SENSE ULLUXY'L TAKING CONTROL BACK. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY.
DESTROYING THE BLOODSTONE SHOULD'VE ENDED THE IMMORTALITY SPELL, BUT JUST IN CASE...
NOT LIKELY, YOU LITTLE--
HEY, LADY.
YOU EAT LIFE FORCE?
ME TOO.
AAIIEEE!
CHOMP
BKRASSH
CLEVER, REVENANT. YOU KNEW I'D REQUIRE NEARLY ALL MY STORED LIFE FORCE TO FIGHT OFF YOUR OBSCENE INFECTION.
UH, YEAH. THREE-DIMENSIONAL CHESS, THAT'S ME.
YOU'VE WON THIS DAY. BUT SELENE SHALL HAVE HER REVENGE.
AS SHALL THE LORD OF THE VAMPIRES.
WAIT! HOW ABOUT BITING ME NOW?
WOULDN'T IT BE BADASS IF I WAS A VAMPIRE AND A ZOMBIE?

WELL DONE. THE CYCLE OF LIFE AND DEATH HAS RESUMED ON THIS WORLD, AND MY FULL POWER HAS RETURNED.
WELL, IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING BACK ON YOUR WORD, I'D THINK TWICE.
JANE HERE'S THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT ANY OF US DO.
CALM YOURSELF. MY WORD IS GOOD. I MERELY CAME TO OFFER SOME ADVICE BEFORE LEAVING.
YOU'VE IMPRESSED ME TODAY. I'D PREFER NOT TO KILL YOU IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED.
TO THAT END...DO NOT CROSS MY PATH AGAIN.
WE COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU, YOU WALKING PILE OF NEUROSES!
A TRIO OF SUPERNATURAL BEINGS NEARLY ENDED YOU.
IF YOU DON'T THINK WE CAN DO THE SAME, YOU'RE DELUSIONAL--
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO LISTEN TO THEM PREEN AND BOAST.
I CAME HERE TO TALK TO YOU.
HUH?


I AM WELL AWARE THAT PHOENIX WON'T LET THIS GO. NOR WILL THE OTHER WOLVERINES.
AND SO I MAKE YOU THIS OFFER.
HELP ME REMOVE THEM FROM MY PATH-- BY WHATEVER MEANS DOES THE JOB--
--AND I WILL TAKE YOU BACK IN YOUR TIMELINE. TO BEFORE YOU WERE TRICKED INTO KILLING ALL YOUR FRIENDS.
THE WORST THING YOU EVER DID--THE WORST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU-- DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN.
OUR TRUCE WORKED WELL FOR ALL INVOLVED. BE SMART. LET IT STAND.
THINK ABOUT IT. I'M SETTING UP MENTAL BLOCKS SO PHOENIX WON'T NOTICE. BUT DECIDE SOON.
BECAUSE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THIS IS COMING TO
HOW ABOUT THAT, *HUH?* WE SAVED THE WORLD, RAN OFF THE BIG BAD, AND DIDN'T EVEN NEED ANY HELP FROM PHOENIX.
AND WE LEARNED SOME THINGS ABOUT ONSLAUGHT'S WEAKNESSES THAT WE CAN USE DOWN THE LINE!
FEELS LIKE WE'RE FINALLY TURNING INTO THE ELITE TEAM OF BADASSES WE WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE! WE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE A ***CHANCE!***
YEAH...
YEAH, WE JUST MIGHT.

WEAPON X-MEN #4

"MORE 'N FIFTY YEARS AGO, AN ARMY 'A VILLAINS PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND JOINED FORCES AGAINST US.
"ALL THE PSYCHOS, CROOKS, MOB BOSSES, FREAKS, MONSTERS, ASSASSINS, AND OBSESSIVES WORKIN' TOGETHER.
"THEY ATTACKED THE X-MANSION. I FOUGHT 'EM ALL. KILLED 'EM ALL. TO PROTECT THE STUDENTS, MY TEAMMATES...
"...THE PEOPLE I LOVED.
LOGAN... WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR FRIEND...

"EXCEPT THERE WAS ONLY EVER ONE VILLAIN THERE. MYSTERIO, MASTER OF ILLUSION.
"SORRY...TWO VILLAINS.
"MYSTERIO AND ME."
HE TRICKED ME INTO KILLIN' 'EM. ALL THE X-MEN.
AND IF I HADN'T SWORN NOT TO POP MY CLAWS AGAIN...

...YOU'D ALL BE JUST AS DEAD AS THEY ARE.
WELL, I AM DEAD.
AND THAT'S A DEPRESSING STORY YOU JUST TOLD, BUT IT DON'T MAKE YOU ANY LESS OF A JERK.
YOU LURE US HERE LIKE THIS, ONE BY ONE, AND TURN TRAITOR? TAKE US OUT LIKE SONNY CORLEONE?
I GOT A ZOMBIE VIRUS IN MY BRAIN! WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
OLD MAN LOGAN OF EARTH-807128
ZOMBIE WOLVERINE OF EARTH-2149
EARTH X WOLVERINE OF EARTH-9997
JANE HOWLETT OF EARTH-1281
WEAPON X OF EARTH-295 THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE

I JUST TOLD YOU MY EXCUSE.
PUT THESE ON, HANDS AND FACE, AND I'LL PULL YOU OFF THE TREE.
HOW ABOUT YOU BITE MY ROTTING CANADIAN--
OR I COULD FORGET THAT VOW ABOUT MY CLAWS.
DESTROY THE BRAIN. THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ZOMBIES, RIGHT?
OH, HANDS AND FACE?
NO PROBLEM, EH? TOTALLY REASONABLE.
HOLD HIM STILL. I NEED THESE ON BOTH HANDS.
WEAPON X CAN STILL POP CLAWS OUTTA THAT STUMP.
YEAH, SURE, NO PROBLEM. IT'S NOT LIKE THE SHACKLES MAKE IT TOUGH TO GRIP OR ANYTHING.
SO WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THIS FREAKY TECH, ANYWAY?
I PROVIDED IT.
ONSLAUGHT. I KNEW IT.
I CAN'T DECIDE IF I'M MORE ANNOYED AT THE OLD MAN FOR STABBING US IN THE BACK...
...OR YOU FOR NOT COMIN' TO ME FIRST.

I CONSIDERED IT. BUT YOU'RE A CONTRARY AND UNPREDICTABLE THING.
AS A RESULT, PHOENIX DOESN'T TRUST YOU. SHE TRUSTS HIM.
SO WHAT'D YOU OFFER HIM? SEND HIM BACK IN TIME SO HE DOESN'T KILL HIS FRIENDS?
...
NO. WAY.
YOU FELL FOR THAT? DON'T YA THINK ONSLAUGHT WOULDA GONE BACK IN TIME ALREADY IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE?
IT'S TRUE, I CAN'T MANAGE IT NOW.
BUT WITH THE POWER OF THE PHOENIX ADDED TO MY OWN, I'LL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
THUS FAR, I'VE BLOCKED YOUR FELLOWS' MENTAL ATTEMPTS TO SUMMON THE PHOENIX. BUT NOW YOU MAY DO SO.
THE SECOND SHE GETS HERE, SHE'LL KNOW WHAT'S UP.
WRONG. SHE'LL SENSE SOMETHING'S AMISS BECAUSE SHE CAN'T READ ANY THOUGHTS.
THEN SHE WILL SEE ME. THE VILLAIN SHE SEEKS, STANDING BEFORE HER, CLEARLY BLOCKING HER POWERS.
SHE WILL FIND EVERYTHING SHE EXPECTS... UNTIL SHE DOESN'T.
NOW SUMMON HER.

MAYDAY! ONSLAUGHT'S GOT THIS WORLD LOCKED DOWN. IT'S A WASH.
WE NEED EXTRACTION AND CAUTERIZATION, STAT!
VWUMM
ONSLAUGHT! STAND AWAY FROM MY PEOPLE--OR KNOW THE POWER OF THE PHOENIX.
WOLVERINES! WATCH MY BACK.
YEAH...
...THAT'S THE IDEA.
SNIKT

LOGAN...
...WH-WHY...?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW. THIS IS.
WOUNDED AS YOU ARE, I COULD RIP THE PHOENIX FORCE FROM YOU. THAT WOULD BE LONG AND ARDUOUS...
...BUT INEVITABLE. IT WOULD ALSO CONSUME THE WORLD UPON WHICH WE STAND. YOU KNOW THIS.
NNGGH!
ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY GIVE IT TO ME.
IN EXCHANGE, IN ADDITION TO HONORING MY PRIOR BARGAIN TO AVOID ALL YOUR HOME DIMENSIONS...
...I WILL SPARE THIS WORLD.
AND WHY... SHOULD I CARE... ABOUT THIS WORLD?
KRRRRRRRR

CAST YOUR MIND ACROSS IT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.
YOU MIGHT CALL THIS WORLD A PLACE OF HAPPY ENDINGS.
FOR YOU...
...YOUR ALLIES...
...AND THOSE YOU LOVE.
WILL YOU SO BLITHELY SEE IT DESTROYED?

YOU'RE ALREADY BEATEN. WE WERE ALL ALREADY BEATEN.
THERE WAS NO WAY WE WERE EVER GONNA WIN THIS.
I MADE A DEAL. BEST WE COULD GET.
YOU GIVE UP YOUR PHOENIX FORCE. ONSLAUGHT PROMISES TA MESS WITH BAD UNIVERSES FIRST.
THE CANCERVERSE, WITH ALL 'A THEM DARK GODS. SOME 'A THE NAZI OR ZOMBIE WORLDS.
DUDE, YOU ARE COLD-BLOODED.
MAYBE SOMEBODY THERE CAN DO WHAT WE COULDN'T. AND IF NOT...ARE THEY REALLY WORSE OFF?
THINK ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW IT'S OUR BEST PLAY.
I KNOW YOU'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE.
I ACCEPT.

LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
SKREEE!
AH. YES...
...THIS IS THE POWER I'VE ALWAYS DESERVED!
OKAY, THIS REALLY SHOULDN'T BE MAKING ME HUNGRY...
HUNGRY, YOU SAY?
MY SHACKLES LOOK TASTY.
KTANG
AS AN APERITIF MAYBE.
KRNCH
DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN APERITIF IS?
SNIKT
SHUT UP.
KRNG
ZOMBIE IRON MAN SAYS IT A LOT.

DELAY THEM! I CAN'T BE INTERRUPTED NOW!
JUMPING AT MASTER'S VOICE, EH? LOOKS LIKE THE WRONG CHILD WAS NAMED DOG ON YOUR WORLD.
THAT'S OFFENSIVE TA DOGS, JANE. BUT I STILL AIN'T LETTIN' YOU BY.
NOBODY ASKED YER PERMISSION.
I CAN EAT HIM?
YOU CAN EAT HIM.
OR WHATEVER'S LEFT.
YOU THINK I'M AFRAID TA DIE?
I BEEN TRYING FOR FIFTY DAMN YEARS.
SNIKT

MAYBE THAT'S A SIGN YOU AIN'T THAT *BRIGHT.*

AND NOBODY OUGHTA *LISTEN* TA YOU.

COULD BE.

AW, *COME ON!*

QUIT BITE-BLOCKING ME!

AGAINST ENEMIES--AGAINST *DINOSAURS*--YOU WON'T USE YOUR CLAWS.

AGAINST US, YOU WILL.

I'M GLAD I'M *NOTHING* LIKE YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT--YOU AIN'T.

A GOOD THING IN MOST RESPECTS.

BUT YOU GOTTA LEARN TO FIGHT BETTER.

MAYBE FIND AN *IRON FIST* TO TRAIN WITH.

KNCH

AOOWW!

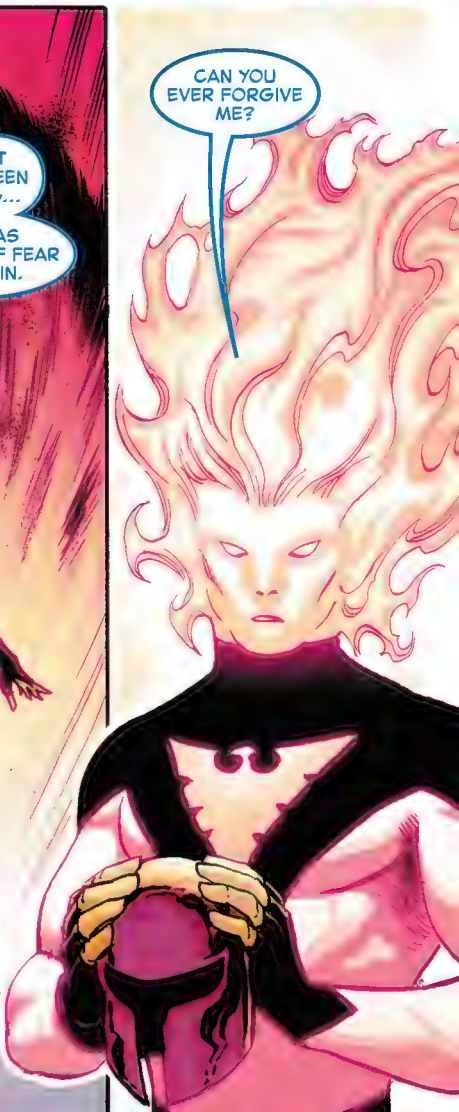
WANT ME TA SHEATHE ONE HAND, MAKE IT FAIR?
FAIR?
SNIKT
NOT EVEN IN YOUR DREAMS, BUB.
SKANG
WAIT!

I...AM SORRY.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THIS. I FEEL...
MY GOD, WHAT HAVE I DONE?

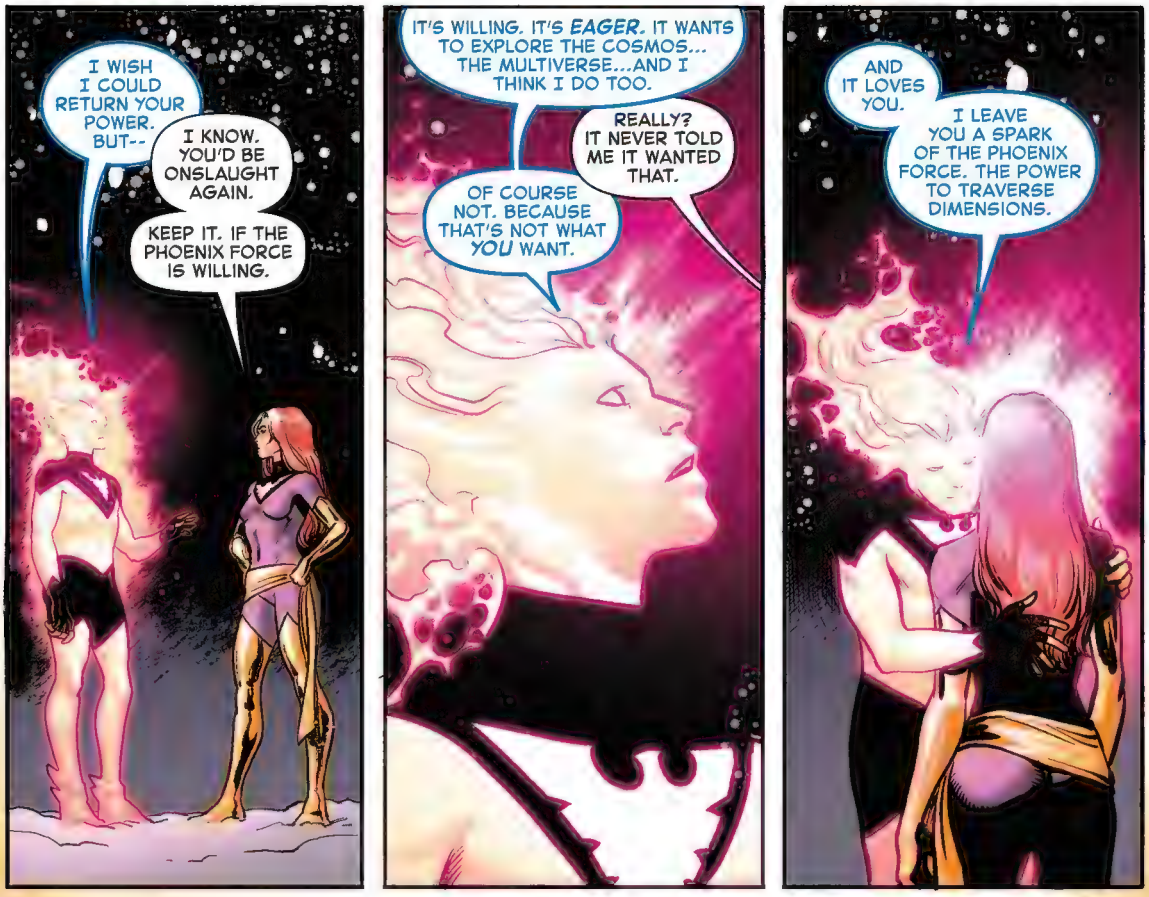
DON'T, OKAY?
I'VE HAD IT UP TA *HERE* WITH YOUR TRICKS.

IT'S...NOT A TRICK. I STILL HAVE MY MENTAL POWERS. I'D KNOW.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND.
ON MY WORLD, THE PHOENIX FORCE ASKED PERMISSION TO BOND WITH ME. WE EXISTED HARMONIOUSLY.
ONSLAUGHT WAS THE PARTS OF ME AND *MAGNETO* THAT WERE SCARRED BY VIOLENT DEATH. THE PHOENIX IS *LIFE INCARNATE.*

AND THIS ASPECT OF THE PHOENIX FORCE SPENT DECADES WITH YOU, *SAVING* LIFE. LOVING AND BEING LOVED.
WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING...
...IT WAS ALL OUT OF FEAR AND PAIN.


CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

DID YOU KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN?
I...HAD A HUNCH.
AND IF IT HADN'T WORKED?
WE COULDN'T WIN JUST BY FIGHTIN'.
YOU SAID YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TA MAKE THE TOUGH CALLS.
I MADE ONE.
COULDN'T SHARE IT WITHOUT ALERTIN' ONSLAUGHT. IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TA KEEP IT HIDDEN IN MY OWN MIND.
YES...YOU FILLED YOUR THOUGHTS WITH MEMORIES OF KILLING YOUR FRIENDS.
I APOLOGIZE FOR USING YOUR TRAGEDY TO MANIPULATE YOU. I'LL HONOR THE BARGAIN--TAKE YOU BACK IN TIME. BUT--
I KNOW. IT WON'T CHANGE HISTORY, JUST CREATE A NEW TIMELINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. AT SOME POINT, A MAN'S GOTTA COME TO TERMS WITH WHAT HE'S DONE. DO THE BEST HE CAN WITH WHAT HE'S GOT.
RECKON THAT'S WHERE I'M AT.


I WISH I COULD RETURN YOUR POWER. BUT--
I KNOW. YOU'D BE ONSLAUGHT AGAIN.
KEEP IT. IF THE PHOENIX FORCE IS WILLING.
IT'S WILLING. IT'S EAGER. IT WANTS TO EXPLORE THE COSMOS... THE MULTIVERSE...AND I THINK I DO TOO.
REALLY? IT NEVER TOLD ME IT WANTED THAT.
OF COURSE NOT. BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT.
AND IT LOVES YOU.
I LEAVE YOU A SPARK OF THE PHOENIX FORCE. THE POWER TO TRAVERSE DIMENSIONS.

TAKE THE OTHERS WHERE THEY WISH.
I HOPE IT'S TO PLACES WHERE THEY'LL BE HAPPY.
AND I HOPE THE SAME FOR YOU, JEAN.
I HOPE IT FOR ALL OF US.

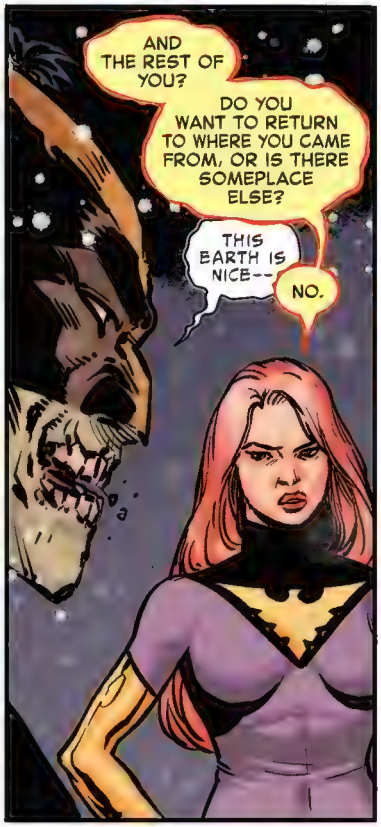
WAIT. DID WE JUST *WIN?*
ASSUMIN' ONSLAUGHT WASN'T LYING...
NO. WE WON...AND ONLY TWO EARTHS DIED IN THE PROCESS.
BY THE STANDARDS OF THESE TYPES OF THINGS, THAT'S A VICTORY.

ARE YOU--?
I'M FINE. AND I'M SURE *YOU'VE* GOT A LIFE TO GET BACK TO. A RATHER *INTERESTING* ONE, FROM WHAT I GATHER.
I SUPPOSE I DO...IF YOU'RE CERTAIN.

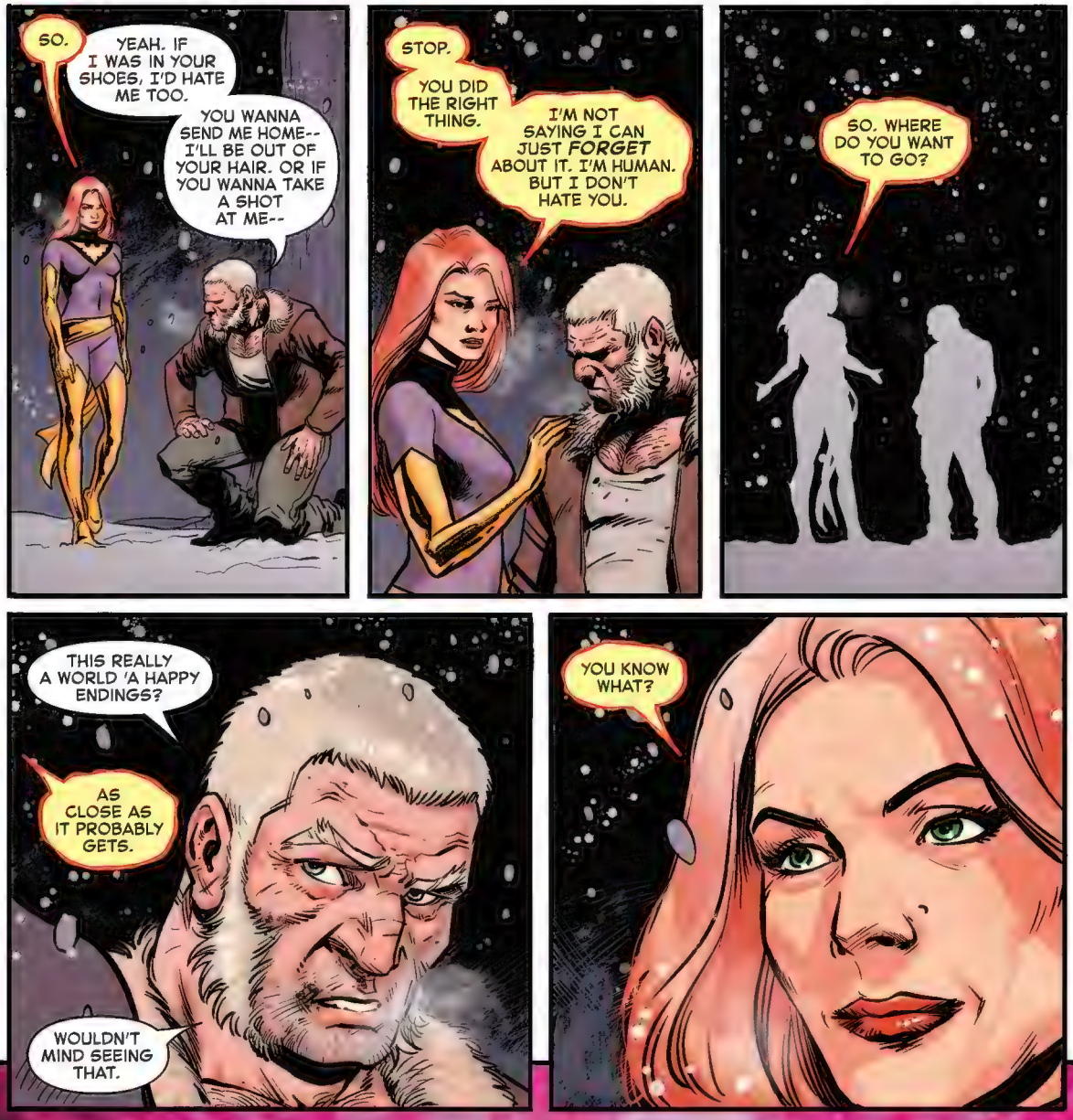
GOOD TA KNOW YA, JANE. KEEP PUTTIN' THE CANUCKLEHEADS IN THEIR PLACE.
AND STAY SINGLE. DON'T END UP LIKE ME.
I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY. TAKE CARE, GENTS.

KEEP IN TOUCH, *HUH?*
UM... SURE.
JEAN, SHALL WE?

VWUMM


AND THE REST OF YOU?
DO YOU WANT TO RETURN TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM, OR IS THERE SOMEPLACE ELSE?
THIS BARTH IS NICE--
NO.

I GOTTA GET BACK. IT'S A PIT--MAYBE A RADIOACTIVE ONE, SOON ENOUGH-- BUT IT'S HOME.
I KNOW YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
IF YOU NEED ME, CALL OUT IN YOUR MIND. I CAN'T GUARANTEE I'LL HEAR, BUT IF I DO, I'LL BE THERE.
EARTH-91,
PLANET OF THE MAN-THINGS
NO! IT CAN'T BE! EVERYONE HERE'S A...A VEGETABLE!
I WANNA GO HOOOOOME!
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOU. AND I WON'T DROP YOU AMONG POTENTIAL VICTIMS.
WELL, NO ONE'S LEFT ALIVE BACK HOME. AIN'T THERE SOME OTHER EARTH WHERE I CAN HAVE FUN WITHOUT HURTIN' ANYBODY?
HMM...
EARTH-9997,
A.K.A. EARTH X
CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TRYING THIS AGAIN WITH YOU. I MIGHT BE CRAZY.
NO "MIGHT" ABOUT IT.
BUT I'M DAMN GLAD YOU DID, BEAUTIFUL.
YOU ARE SO FULL OF IT.
YOU LOVE IT.


SO.
YEAH. IF I WAS IN YOUR SHOES, I'D HATE ME TOO.
YOU WANNA SEND ME HOME-- I'LL BE OUT OF YOUR HAIR. OR IF YOU WANNA TAKE A SHOT AT ME--
STOP.
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.
I'M NOT SAYING I CAN JUST *FORGET* ABOUT IT. I'M HUMAN. BUT I DON'T HATE YOU.
SO. WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
THIS REALLY A WORLD 'A HAPPY ENDINGS?
AS CLOSE AS IT PROBABLY GETS.
WOULDN'T MIND SEEING THAT.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
ME TOO.

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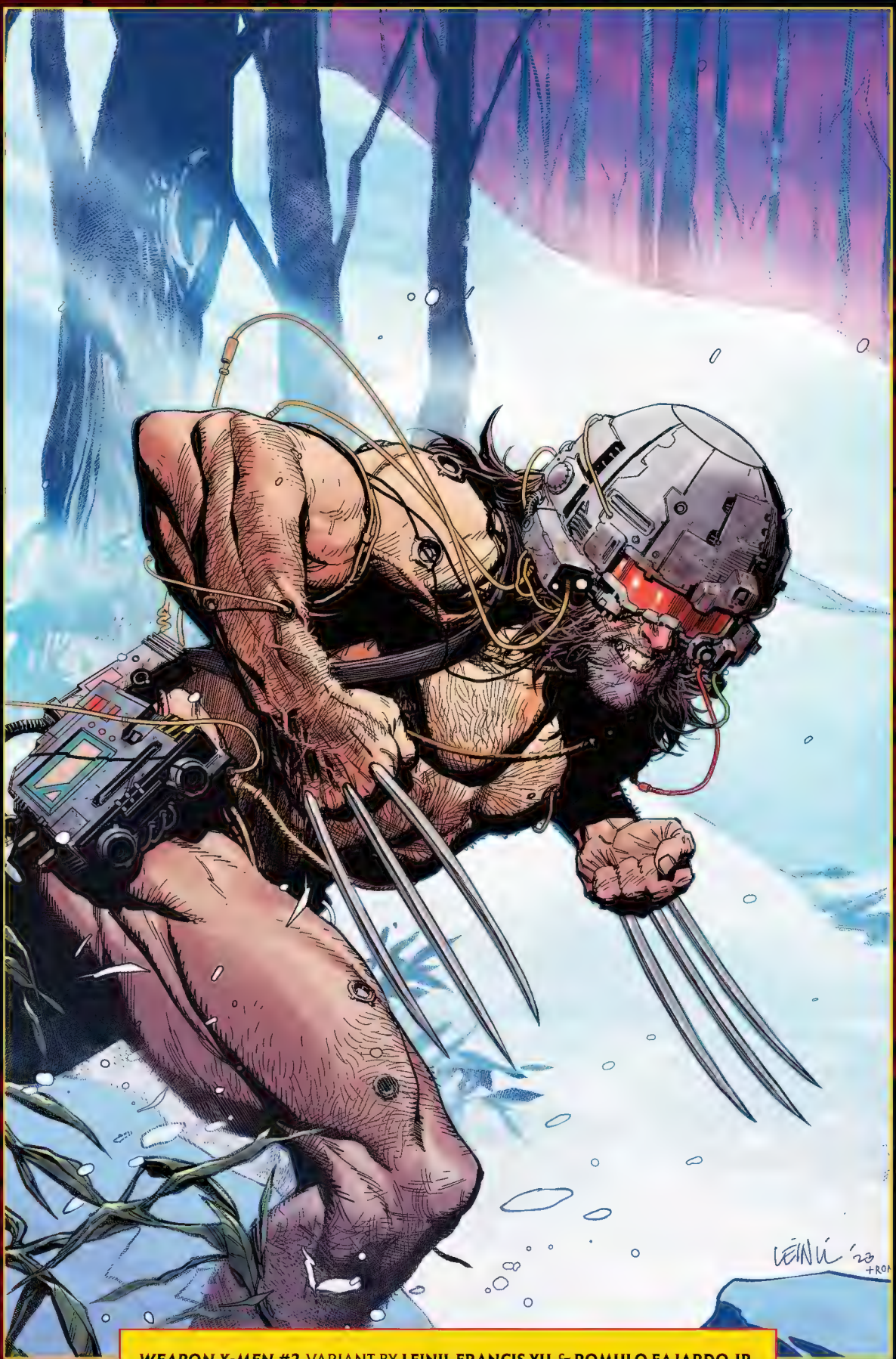

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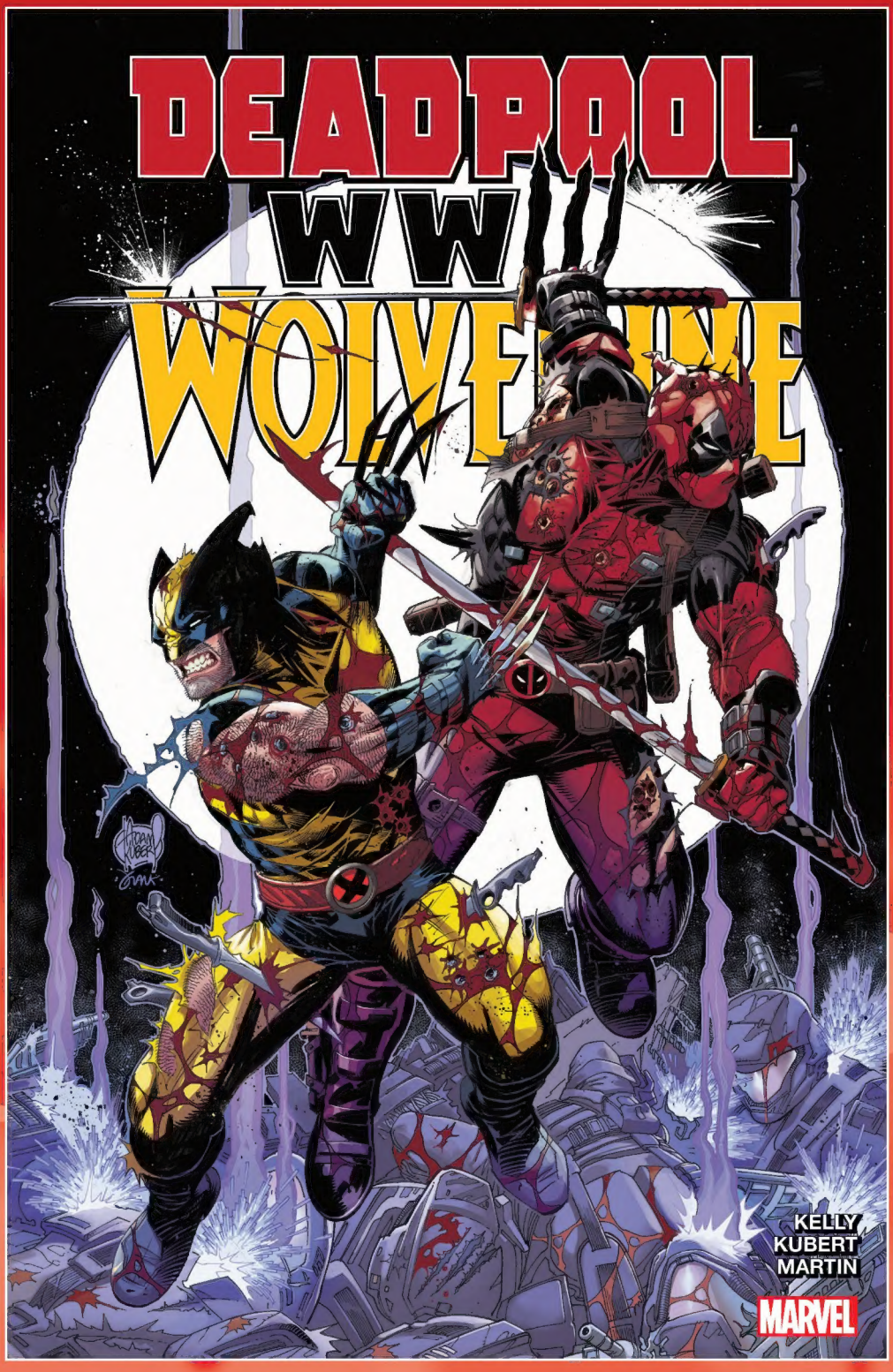

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